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CANTON OFFICIAL DISCHARGED.

CASE AGAINST OTHER PROCEEDS.

MR. POTTER CRITICISES THE CANTON DELAY.

ELEVEN CHARGES.

When the case concerning the two former Canton officials was called this morning, Mr. H. G. Sheldon, on behalf of the Crown indicated to Mr. R. E. Lindell that he had examined the papers relating to the second defendant, Choy Shiu-in, and had no further intention of proceeding against him. Choy Shiu-in was accordingly discharged.

It will be recalled that Wong Chung-chu, a former Finance Commissioner of Canton, who held office during the "Ironside" regime, and Choy Shiu-in, who during Wong's commission was manager of the Central Bank of China, were charged jointly with the alleged theft of huge sums of money from the Central Bank of China.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. M. K. Lo, of Messrs. Lo and Lo, appeared for the two defendants, and Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, of Messrs. Deacons, prosecuted on behalf of the Crown.

Regarding the first defendant, Mr. Sheldon stated that the requisition from Canton had not arrived but he proposed, with his Worship's consent, and with the consent of Counsel for the defence, to open the case.

There was nothing, said Mr. Sheldon, in the Ordinances to suggest that the procedure was irregular.

Futile Suggestion.

Mr. Potter, in a lengthy statement, reminded his Worship that he could use the discretion vested in him by the Ordinance and to discharge the defendant. He recalled to his Worship's memory the fact that the defendant was arrested on January 5 in the ordinary way, obviously on information received from Canton. It was, therefore, futile to suggest that the Canton authorities were in any way embarrassed by the fact that they were not in possession of all the information in regard to the defendant.

Continuing, Mr. Potter pointed out that no attempt had been made to explain the delay in receipt of the requisition, and suggested that his Worship should exercise the discretion vested in him by the law and discharge the defendant. The police could always re-arrest the defendant at some later date, if it was necessary.

Diplomatic Channels.

Mr. Sheldon, pointed out that the alleged crime of the defendant for which extradition was asked, happened on December 28, less than a month ago, and that the extradition proceedings began less than a fortnight ago. The documents in extradition proceedings had to pass through diplomatic channels from the Government of Canton to the Government of Hongkong, and in view of the fact that the prosecution was quite willing to go on, in less than a fortnight, he felt that there never had been a case where such celerity was shown.

Mr. Potter then stated that his experience in other cases, had been that the requisition had come down with great promptness. The Court to preserve its standing should not be asked to wait on the Canton authorities. He suggested that his Worship should discharge the defendant and leave the authorities in Canton to take whatever remedy they saw fit to take. In the absence of a requisition from Canton he said that the Court could adopt no other procedure.

After further legal argument, in the course of which Mr. Sheldon indicated that the requisition was in the hands of the Consul-General in Canton and had been for the past four days, Mr. Sheldon stated he was prepared to open the case and give the advisers of the fugitive.

REPORTED BANK FAILURES.

MANY SAID TO HAVE CLOSED IN CANTON.

HEAVY LIABILITIES.

Seven prominent native banks in Canton City announced bankruptcy on the day before Chinese New Year's Eve, according to Chinese press reports, their total liabilities being \$2,000 or more.

On the following day, more than twenty other native banks also declared their inability to continue business, if it is believed. There are normally over 170 native banks in Canton, and more than thirty of them are now said to have closed.

The troubles facing native banks are due to the many political upheavals during the past year. Firstly, there was the anti-Red campaign on the 15th of April; secondly, the "Ironside" coup on the 11th of November, when the troops of Li Chai-sum were deposited and disarmed; and, finally, the most disastrous occurrence of all, there was the "Red" reign of terror which began on the 11th of December and lasted three days. Accompanying these political upheavals were the bank note troubles, causing the value of the Central Bank notes to decline heavily. In addition, the bankers say they suffer from the recent \$10,000,000 Treasury Bond issue.

Another report says that seven textile factories in Canton closed down during the week-end.

BLUE FUNNEL BOAT ABLAZE.

SERIOUS FIRE ON CALCHAS AT LIVERPOOL.

London, Jan. 25. Fire broke out in the hold of the Blue Funnel s.s. Calchas today while the vessel was lying alongside the Liverpool Docks loading cargo for Penang.

It was extinguished after a long fight, the conflagration being more serious because it was necessary to cut through plates in order to get to the seat of the outbreak.

The ship's fittings were seriously damaged, but fortunately very little cargo happened to be on board.

The s.s. Calchas, will in spite of the fire, sail on January 28th, for the East, in accordance with schedule.—*Reuter.*

[The Calchas is one of the finest of the Blue Funnel fleet, being 489 feet long, while her gross tonnage exceeds 10,000 tons. A regular visitor to Hongkong, she has recently been on the Blue Funnel London-Far East run.]

THE NICARAGUAN OPERATIONS.

SANDINO'S STRONGHOLD OCCUPIED.

Managua, Jan. 25. The United States Marines which left on the expedition against General Sandino's stronghold in the hills has occupied the district without resistance. The stronghold was on the El Chapote Mountain which was bombed by U.S. aeroplanes on January 16th.—*Reuter's American Service.*

NORWAY'S LABOUR CABINET.

NOTED PROFESSOR ACCEPTS FOREIGN MINISTRY.

Oslo, Jan. 25. Mr. Hornsrud, the Labourite farmer, has accepted the Premiership and is forming a Cabinet. The noted historical professor, Professor Edward Bull, has accepted the portfolio of Minister for Foreign Affairs.—*Reuter.*

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SWATOW NOT YET TAKEN.

FIERCE BATTLE NEAR CITY.

CASUALTIES SAID TO TOTAL THOUSANDS.

IRONSIDES RETREAT.

Latest reports from the upper course of the East River point to the fact that Swatow has not been captured either by the "Ironside" or the Communists.

About ten days ago, a large detachment of "Ironsides," led by General Hsieh Yp and Hsu Chai-yui, of the "Leftist" Army, after a severe struggle with the Kwangsi troops from Swatow, captured and entered Hingninghsien, which is situated north-west of Swatow. One vernacular report asserts that the siege of Hingninghsien lasted for a day and a night, and the fighting resulted in almost the whole of the troops under General Chien Tachun, a staunch supporter of General Li Chai-sum, being killed or taken prisoner.

General Wounded.

However, more Kwangsi troops of General Chan Chai-tong arrived from Swatow on the following day and the "Ironsides," hopelessly outnumbered, retreated from Hingninghsien to the border of Kwangtung. The Kwangsi troops made a successful pursuit and one Canton report states that Hsu Chai-yui, the Commander of one "Ironside" Division, was killed and General Hsieh Yp was wounded.

Swatow is now said to be quiet. The city is occupied by Kwangsi troops numbering some 4,000. Large detachments of Kwangsi troops are also stationed in the vicinity of East River. These include one full regiment of General Pui Chung-hsi's units at Kityang, which is north-west of Swatow, and another full regiment at Chao-an. In addition, the three largest gunboats of the Canton Navy, the Chunshan, Haicheng and Paifeng, are said to be securing the waters near Swatow. It is stated that there are full divisions of Kwangsi troops on the upper course of the East districts ready to meet the fleeing "Ironside" remnants.

Heavy Casualties.

According to an official report which has reached the Canton Government, it is estimated that at least 3,000 to 4,000 soldiers must have perished during the big battle about ten days ago on the upper East River. The troops of General Chan Ming-shing, the Fukien General who not long ago joined the Kwangsi armies at Swatow supporting Li Chai-sum, played a dominant part in this severe struggle between the contending forces. It is further claimed that about 2,000 of General Chan's soldiers were either wounded or killed. More than 800 wounded troops have arrived at Swatow from the front, and a telegram has been despatched from Swatow to Canton asking for medical equipment to be sent immediately.

CHILEAN OIL WELLS.

MINISTER SEEKS WITHDRAWAL OF CONCESSIONS.

New York, Jan. 25. A message received from Santiago de Chile states that the Minister of Finance has asked the Chilean Congress to enact a law suspending all petroleum concessions. A Chile Deputy has drafted a Bill providing that the Chilean Government appoint officials to study the best means of making all oil deposits in Chile available to purely Chilean interests.—*Reuter's American Service.*

KING AND QUEEN ENTERTAIN WARATAHS.

London, Jan. 25. Their Majesties, the King and Queen received the New South Wales rugby football team, known as the Waratahs, at Sandringham today. The team had lunch and tea with their Majesties.—*British Wireless.*

A GLOWING TRADE PROPHECY.

BRITISH BAROMETER SHOWS STEADY RISE.

OPTIMISTIC SPEECH.

London, Jan. 25. A glowing prophecy of improvement in British trading figures was made by Mr. A.M. Samuel, the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in the course of a speech at the Working Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Samuel declared that the industrial activity in the Home market was greater than had ever been seen before, while simultaneously the British export industries were meeting with more success against their foreign competitors.

Remarkable Reversal.

He pointed out that the official figures for 1926, showed an adverse balance of \$12,000,000 in British overseas trade, but his calculations had led him to the conclusion that Great Britain would record a favourable balance for 1927 of at least \$73,000,000. The trade barometer has been showing, and is showing, a steady rise, notwithstanding the facts.

INTERPORT GOLF.

Hongkong Lead at End of Morning.

In the morning round of the Interport Golf between Hongkong and Manila to-day at Fanning, two Hongkong pairs were up on their opponents in the four-ball foursomes. The details are as follows: T. D. E. Pendered and L. R. Andrews, two down to Nell and Capt. Fielder. Capt. Erskine and Capt. Bloxham, four up on Cranston and Ivory. G. Murray and L. G. S. Dowdell, two up on Mason and Capt. Yates.

That some basic industries, especially the Lancashire cotton factories, were doing badly.

Mr. Samuel gave an instance of Britain's advance in pointing out that in bio-chemical products we easily lead the world.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH ATTEMPT ON RECORD.

ATTACK ON AIR SPEED DECIDED.

London, Jan. 25. It is learned that the Air Ministry has decided to make an attempt, at Calshot in March, on the world's air speed record, which at present is held by the Italian pilot, Major Di Bernardi. The machine used will be a Super-Marine Napier seaplane of the type used successfully in the Schneider Trophy race, but the pilot has not yet been selected.—*British Wireless.*

CANADIAN FARMERS.

RECEIVED BY PRINCE OF WALES.

London, Jan. 25. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales today received at St. James Palace 70 Canadian farmers who are visiting this country. The Prince recognised several whom he had met when he visited his Canadian ranch last year and the conversation turned mainly on farming matters in which His Royal Highness is keenly interested.—*British Wireless.*

H.M.S. CALEDON TEMPORARILY REPAIRED.

London, Jan. 25. The Admiralty announces that H.M.S. Caledon, the cruiser which collided last Friday in the Doro Channel with the Italian oiler Antares, has arrived at Malta, temporary repairs having been effected.—*British Wireless.*

KIEL ARMS HAUL AGITATION.

REICHSTAG MEMBER NOT SATISFIED.

DR. STRESEMANN'S DEMENTI QUESTIONED.

OFFICERS NAMED.

Pointing out that the names of officers belonging to the Navy Department had actually been published in the newspapers, as among those implicated in the Kiel arms seizure, Herr Stocker, a Communist member, who put the question to Dr. Stresemann yesterday, said in the Reichstag to-day that he considered the Foreign Minister's demerit to be unsound.

It might, he said, be perfectly true that the Navy Department itself had not been directly concerned with the proposed shipment, but the fact remained that officers in the Department had been named.

Dr. Stresemann, in reply, expressed the opinion that the Navy Department's denial of the rumours meant that no individual member of its staff was involved.

Names Published.

According to the *Berliner Tageblatt*, the Ministry of Defence contends that the name of the Transport Section has apparently been misused by private firms for business purposes, and has told its representative that the Ministry is supporting police enquiries into the affair to the utmost.

The *Berliner Tageblatt* declares that it is not satisfied with the explanation and respects the names of two officials alleged to be involved. It suggests that proceedings be taken against them.—*Reuter.*

Categorically Denied.

Replying to a question before the Budget Committee of the Reichstag, Herr Stresemann, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, stated that the Naval Department had assured the Foreign Office that neither it, nor any of its officials, had had anything to do with the shipment of arms and ammunition to China.

The Foreign Office, he added, had accepted this as a formal denial of the rumours which had been put into circulation.

The Seizure.

The German newspaper allegations arise out of a huge seizure of arms and ammunition by officials at Kiel on January 10th.

Two hundred and fifty tons of goods, which arrived at Kiel in sixteen freight cars from Halle for supposed shipment to Oslo on the Norwegian freighter "Aker," were discovered by Customs officials to be munitions, the loading of which on board the ship was forbidden pending an investigation of their origin.

The authorities came to the conclusion that the real destination of the consignment was China.

ARGENTINE AND TARIFFS.

STRONG ATTITUDE AT HAVANA.

Havana, Jan. 25. Senor Pueyrredon, the Argentine Ambassador to Washington, who is the head of the Argentine delegation to the Pan-American Conference, has announced that the delegation will not sign any Convention for the re-organisation of the Pan-American Union, which does not provide for a study of ways and means of reducing if not abolishing the high tariffs existing in inter-American commerce.

Mexico has allied herself with the Argentine in the stand taken up with reference to the tariffs.—*Reuter's American Service.*

RUBBER MERGER COMPLETE.

BIG SHARE FLOTATION IN LONDON.

VENDORS' OPTIONS.

London, Jan. 25. The prospectus has been issued for the Anglo-Java Rubber Company, and it details the acquisition of a large group of Malayan properties, foreign-owned. The productive capacity of the new estates is estimated to be \$6,000,000, the value of the property is estimated at \$2,560,000, and the purchase price is \$1,860,000.

Shares, which are being issued at the price of six shillings per share, are 2/- each. The vendors have the option to subscribe for these shares up to 600,000 before December, 1928, at six shillings, and they hold a similar option for a further 400,000 as part consideration for underwriting the present issue, but the option given to the public who subscribed for the debenture issue is 8/- per share till February 1st, 1935, \$1,000,000 seven per cent. Debentures and 3,600,000 ordinary shares of 6/- each are being issued.

The value of the property is based on the average selling price of rubber at 1s. 8d. per pound over the next seven years.—*Reuter.*

ICY COLD WATER FOR JINGOISM.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE'S APT REBUKE.

New York, Jan. 25. President Coolidge's declaration yesterday, recommending those charged with the nation's defence to follow a policy considering the welfare of the country in public statements, has been featured by the Press as a very apt rebuke to Admiral Plunkett's war warning. The *New York World*, in the course of an editorial, says that it is "weary of the loose talk going on. There is worldly horse-sense about the rebuke, which is more devastating than indignation. Mr. Coolidge thereby is pouring the icest bucket of cold water down the spine of jingoism that has been poured for a long time."—*Reuter's American Service.*

BRITISH SECURE BIG CONTRACT.

KEEN COMPETITION FROM CONTINENT.

London, Jan. 25. A Birmingham firm has obtained the contract for the construction of South African Railways to cost \$170,000. It is understood that the tender was successful on its merits only. There was keen competition from Continental firms, including Belgian and German manufacturers, but the British tender, while not the lowest, was considered to be technically the most favourable.—*British Wireless.*

HUNANESE TROOPS DEFEATED.

WUHAN FORCES EXPECTED TO ENTER CHANGSHA.

Shanghai, Jan. 25. Japanese reports received here state that the Wuhan troops, severely defeated the Hunanese at Pinghsiang on Monday. General Ho Chien's forces were driven back with severe losses from Liuhshang towards Changteh. The sixth and thirteenth armies are expected to enter Changsha to-day.—*Reuter.*

MR. LLOYD GEORGE RETURNS HOME.

London, Jan. 25. Mr. Lloyd George, the Liberal leader, accompanied by Dame Margaret Lloyd George, and other members of his family, is arriving back in London this evening from his voyage to South America.—*British Wireless.*

PUBLIC SERVANT'S LIABILITY.

IMPORTANT DECISION ON LOANS.

MR. WOOD SAYS COURT HAS NO JURISDICTION.

AN APPEAL LIKELY.

Important points regarding the Court's jurisdiction to deal with claims against public servants in respect of promissory notes were raised in the Summary Court this morning, before Mr. Justice Wood.

The plaintiff was Kartar Singh, watchman and registered money-lender, 44, Nathan Road, ground floor, and the defendant was Mr. T. J. Falla, a prison warder. The claim was for a total of \$877.30 in respect of three promissory notes, two being signed on November 10, 1926, for \$450 and \$200, and a third for \$120 receiving signature on April 1, last year. Interest totalling \$107.80, at the rate of two per cent. per month, were included in the claim.

Mr. Horace Lo was for the plaintiff and the defendant conducted his own case. His Lordship gave a lengthy judgment in which he held that the Court had no jurisdiction. He non-suited the plaintiff with costs and Mr. Lo intimated that the plaintiff would appeal.

Nothing Paid.

Kartar Singh said that the defendant signed all the notes, but nothing had been paid.

Answering his Lordship, plaintiff said he knew at the time Falla signed the notes that he was a warder at Laihekok branch prison.

The defendant, giving evidence, said he held a permanent appointment under the Government as a warder on the prison staff and drew his emoluments from the Treasury and from nowhere else. He was first appointed on August 21, 1921, as a warder on a salary of \$160 per annum, rising by annual increments of \$10 to \$280. At the time when he signed the notes, his salary was \$210 per annum. The three documents were in respect of loans.

Mr. Lo offered no objection to the production of regulation No. 101. The defendant said he was paid under that regulation. At the end of November, 1926, he received about \$210 and in April, 1927, about \$220.

His Lordship produced a newspaper file for November, 1926, which showed that the dollar rate was 1/10.13/16.

Answering his Lordship, defendant said the sum of \$8 per month was deducted from his salary for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund. He received free quarters, food, light, and uniform. He did not receive any other allowances.

His Lordship:—I understand it was not your wish to raise the Public Servants' Liability Ordinance as a defence?—Yes. Do you wish to dispute your liability in any way?—No.

Protected by Ordinance?

His Lordship remarked the question to be decided was whether the defendant was protected by the Ordinance.

Mr. Lo replied that his submission was that the plaintiff was entitled to judgment on the evidence before the Court. It was not his duty to argue that the defendant was or was not entitled to be protected by the Ordinance.

His Lordship:—I have asked you to do that because that is the only point you have to meet.

Mr. Lo:—If the defendant had any counsel acting for him it would be for him to reply by raising this point.

His Lordship:—In fact he has not raised it. I have raised it, and I have asked you to argue it.

Mr. Lo:—The onus is on the defendant to show that he is under the protection of this Ordinance.

His Lordship replied that he did think it was material at that stage. The question was whether or not the defendant was entitled to protection.

Mr. Lo, in commencing his argument, asked his Lordship to bear in mind that his submission was that the onus was on the defendant.

His Lordship: I am not sure about that, but anyway it is not material now.

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THE LIMEWASHING QUESTION.

FULL STATEMENT AT SANITARY BOARD.

At yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board, the Chairman (Mr. W. J. Carr) made a lengthy statement on local limewashing methods.

Dr. Tso's Questions.

Dr. S. W. Tso, pursuant to notice, asked the following questions:

(1) In view of the general complaint by tenants of tenement houses against the present method of limewashing, by the Sanitary Department, will the Head of the Sanitary Department state whether a tenant, if he objects to the spraying method of limewashing by the Department, may be allowed to employ his own contractor to do the work, in the old way, after his landlord has paid to the Government the money for limewashing by the Department?

(2) If so, whether the Government is prepared to hand over the money paid by the landlord to the tenant after he has done the limewashing satisfactorily?

(3) When the spraying method is employed what precaution is taken by the Department to protect the furniture or goods of the tenant from the limewashing or to prevent the limewashing from going through the floor to the floor below?

(4) Whether the lime-wash used by the Department contains any ingredient which may be injurious to furniture or goods?

(5) Whether the spraying method now employed by the Department is an improvement on the old method of limewashing? If so, in what respect?

(6) When limewashing is done under the supervision of the Department, by its own workmen and with the best of materials, is there any necessity to have the work done more than once? And, if it is found necessary to re-limewash the premises, whether it is possible to have it done on the same day as that of the first limewashing?

(7) In limewashing a painted ceiling or wall, as not a hundredth part of the lime will stick, will the Head of the Sanitary Department suggest some method of dealing with such cases in the future?

Statement on the Subject.

In reply to Dr. Tso, the Chairman said:

I welcome this opportunity to make a short statement on the subject of limewashing. In December last year I received some complaints through the Chinese representatives on this Board and just before Christmas Dr. Tso, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin and myself visited several houses in various localities where we saw limewashing being done by the Sanitary Department. We have also discussed the matter on several occasions. These questions are therefore an outcome of our discussions, and I presume embrace points on which Dr. Tso desires a pronouncement or decision.

There are one or two matters which I think should be made clear before I actually answer the questions as there appears to be a lot of unnecessary misunderstanding of our position.

The Procedure.

The By-laws lay the responsibility for the annual cleansing and limewashing on the owner or landlord. Each year as the limewashing season approaches, a notice is sent to each owner pointing out what he is required to do; in the majority of cases he does it.

I have inspected the figures for the past three years. In 1925 the total number of floors limewashed in the Colony was 39,548; of these 25,310 were limewashed by the owners, employing their own contractors. The percentage is 80. In 1926 the figures were 38,024 floors limewashed of which 23,936 were limewashed by the owners the percentage is over 89. In 1927 44,373 floors were limewashed; of

these 41,440 or 93.5 per cent were limewashed by the owners.

Early Inspections.

Normally therefore in over 90% of the cases this Board and the Sanitary Department are not concerned except to inspect the premises. This inspection is carried out, I can assure members, at the earliest possible moment. There is no unreasonable delay and in any case allowance is made for some unavoidable dirtying of the premises during the interval between cleansing and inspection.

It is only when the landlord refuses to do the work satisfactorily or requests us to do it for him that the actual cleansing and limewashing is done by the Department.

Questions Answered.

I will now answer the questions, again asking members to bear in mind that no limewashing is done by the Department except at the request of the owner or landlord, (with the few exceptions which fall under By-law 4, where the landlord has refused to do the work or failed to do it satisfactorily) and that the limewashing done by the Department affects less than 10% of the floors in occupation in the Colony.

Question 1. The answer is certainly. On receipt of the landlord's request the Inspector in charge of limewashing calls at the house to fix a time when he proposes to return to limewash. If the tenant states he is willing to do the work the requisition is at once returned to Head Office and is passed to the District Inspector for inspection in due course. The procedure is then as if no request had been made.

More Covers Wanted.

Question 2. Refunds must be made to the payer i.e. the landlord. The tenant may do the work because he does not want any men other than his own men on the premises or because he may desire certain refinements. Whatever his reason he must arrange with the landlord if he wishes to obtain reimbursement. It would not be proper for me to arrange on the landlord's behalf without his concurrence. The refund must continue, therefore, to be made to the landlord.

Question 3. Calico wrappers are provided by the Department, to cover up the furniture and goods of the tenant while limewashing is in progress. I am not satisfied that a sufficient number have been provided in the past and have arranged for 25 more to be made. Three have been issued so far. It will be now possible to have at least four by each floor when limewashing recommences on January 30. This should prove adequate.

A certain amount of limewash must fall on the floor; it does so even with the old brush method. A floor which is dilapidated can be dealt with as a nuisance under Section 26 (2) of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance while under Section 119 wooden floors in new buildings must be reasonably water tight. Floors should not permit of limewash passing through to the floor below.

On many occasions when this departmental limewashing first started tenants were offered the services of coolies to assist in cleaning up the floor. In all cases the offer was refused, and, I am told, we therefore ceased making the offer. I have issued instructions that the offer of assistance must always be made.

Limewash Analysed.

Question 4. I have submitted samples of the limewash used to the Government Analyst. His report shows that it is good lime that we are using; the lime used by many limewashing contractors is shell lime of less purity and strength. He states, of course, that the limewash produces permanent stains on cloth, polished or varnished furniture and on coloured paper. This is true of all limewash. It is therefore essential that the furniture and effects of a tenant should be

fully covered before limewashing commences.

With the additional wrappers now being made I feel sure we shall have an adequate number, but any tenant can ask for more wrappers if his effects are not fully covered, and cannot conveniently be moved out of the way of the limewash. Any limewash will dry and harden the skin. But members will realise that there cannot be anything dangerous or corrosive in it as our own coolies work with it day in and day out and in holding the spray a little must run down the handle on to the coolies' fingers. The application of a little oil or vaseline, after washing on coming off duty, is all that is required.

Spray Method Superior.

Question 5. I am assured by the Medical Officer of Health that the spray method is very much superior to the brush. The work is done more quickly and more evenly and the limewash is sprayed into holes and crevices that could not be reached by any ordinary brush. We have received expressions of thanks from many tenants because the work was done so well and so quickly and because they were relieved of successive upheavals while a contractor attempted to do the work just sufficiently well to pass the inspector.

Question 6. It is impossible to guarantee even with the best of materials and workmanship that one coat of limewash will be sufficient and satisfactory. I have had figures compiled of the work done on this side of the harbour during the present limewashing season. Excluding the centre of the town out of 287 floors, 165 required only one limewash, 74 required two coats and 18 required three coats. In the crowded area where the houses are old and in many cases badly designed, with the kitchen abutting on the living room into which smoke and dirt pass, the figures are different:—out of 248 floors 87 only could be passed as satisfactory after one application of limewash; 107 were treated twice and 54 three times. We do not go beyond three applications in any case.

All the complaints that have reached me have come from these districts; we have received praise from the other districts.

Experts' Assurance.

Question 7.—This question contains a statement of fact with which I cannot agree. I am assured by my experts in limewashing that it is as easy to limewash a painted ceiling as an unpainted one but that in the first instance more will probably drop to the floor than in the case of a ceiling which had previously been limewashed. It is, however, only on rare occasions that a painted ceiling or other painted woodwork is limewashed. If the paint is not of so dark a colour as seriously to diminish the lighting of the floor the paintwork need only be cleaned and not limewashed.

Comparatively Few Complaints.

I much regret that there should be any complaints against the work of the Sanitary Department which I have so recently joined. I have tried and shall always try to remedy any defects in our procedure which may become apparent.

More wrappers will be issued to prevent any of the limewash coming into contact with the furniture and effects of the tenants; and we renew our offer to clean up the floor before we leave the premises.

The whole question of limewash is one between landlord and tenant. We only enter into it at the request of the landlord. During this limewashing season, we have dealt so far with a little over 500 floors (excluding Kowloon); of these less than 250 are in Health Districts 4 and 5; the complaints therefore come from fewer than 5 per cent. of the people affected by the limewashing by-laws.

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WHEN FOOD REPELS.

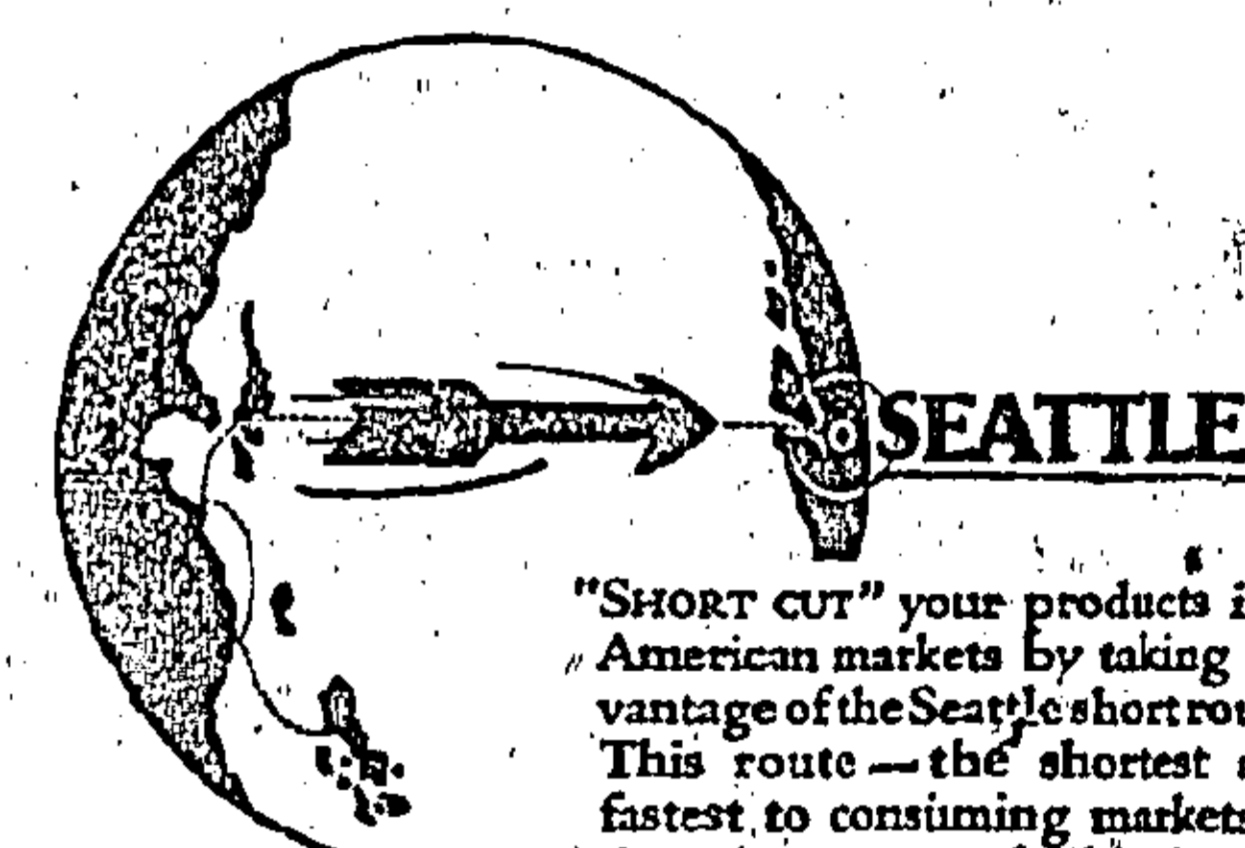
It happens to many in the Far East to experience at some time or other a marked loss of appetite accompanied by a sense of general enfeeblement. Especially is this so in the Tropics, where the everlasting humid heat severely taxes the vitality even of the strongest.

Not only does food cease to attract, even the thought of eating is repulsive; cheerfulness gives way to depression, energy becomes pale, the face thin and wan; as often as not back-pains, loss of weight, pains behind the eyes, headaches, nervousness, a disinclination for society, are among the symptoms experienced. In the case of women other irregularities of health are also noticeable, troubles characteristic of their sex.

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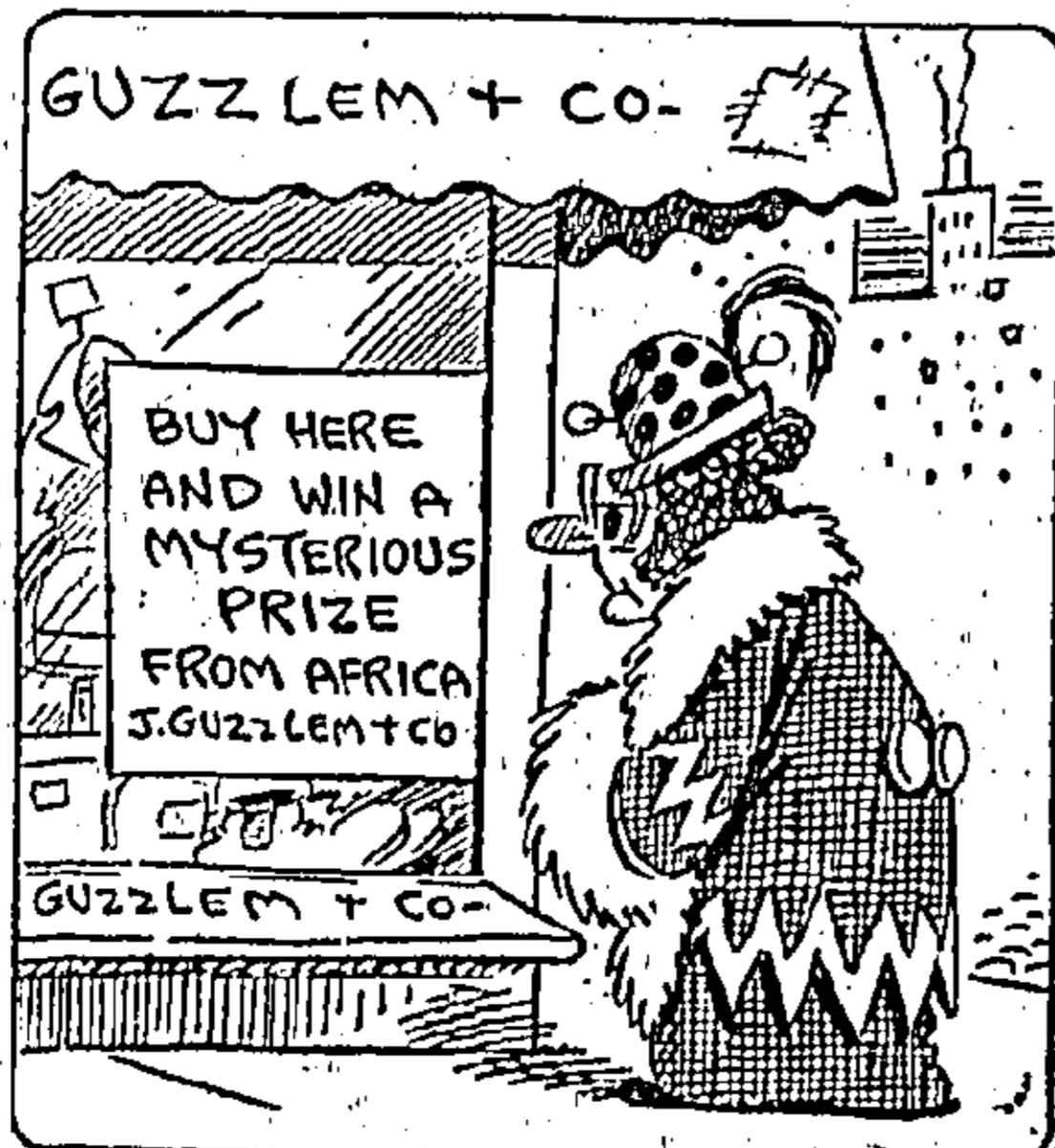
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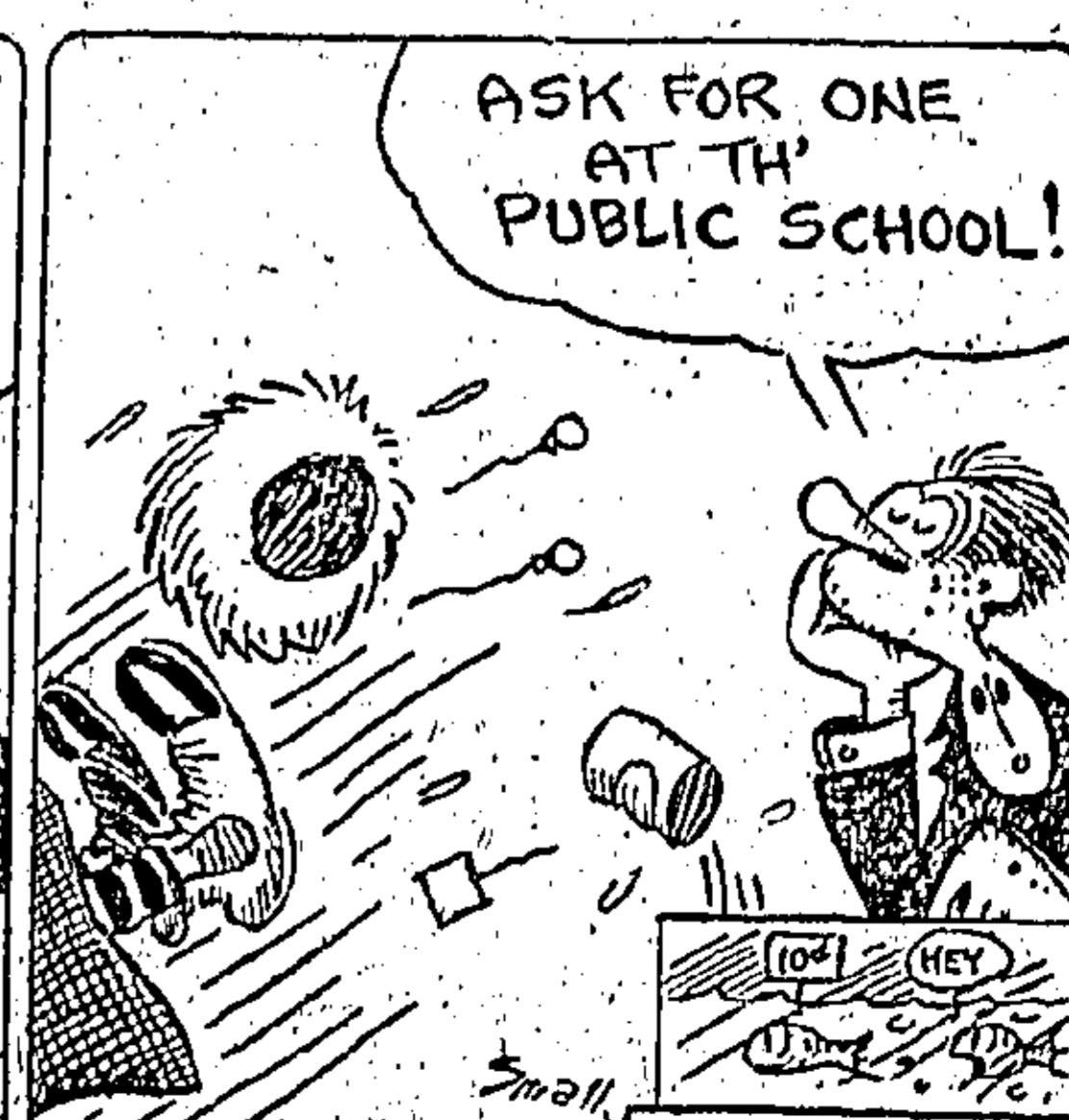
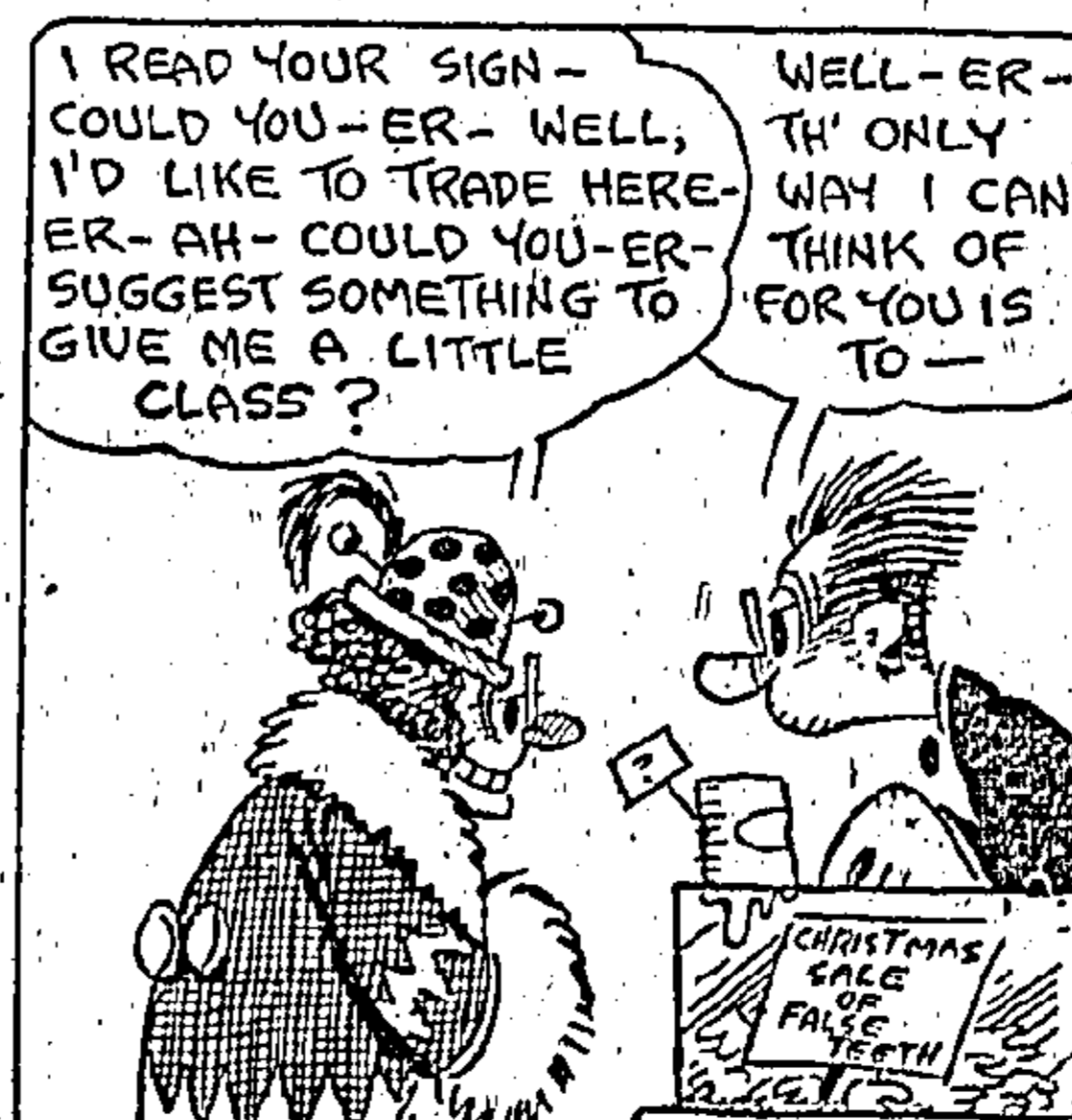
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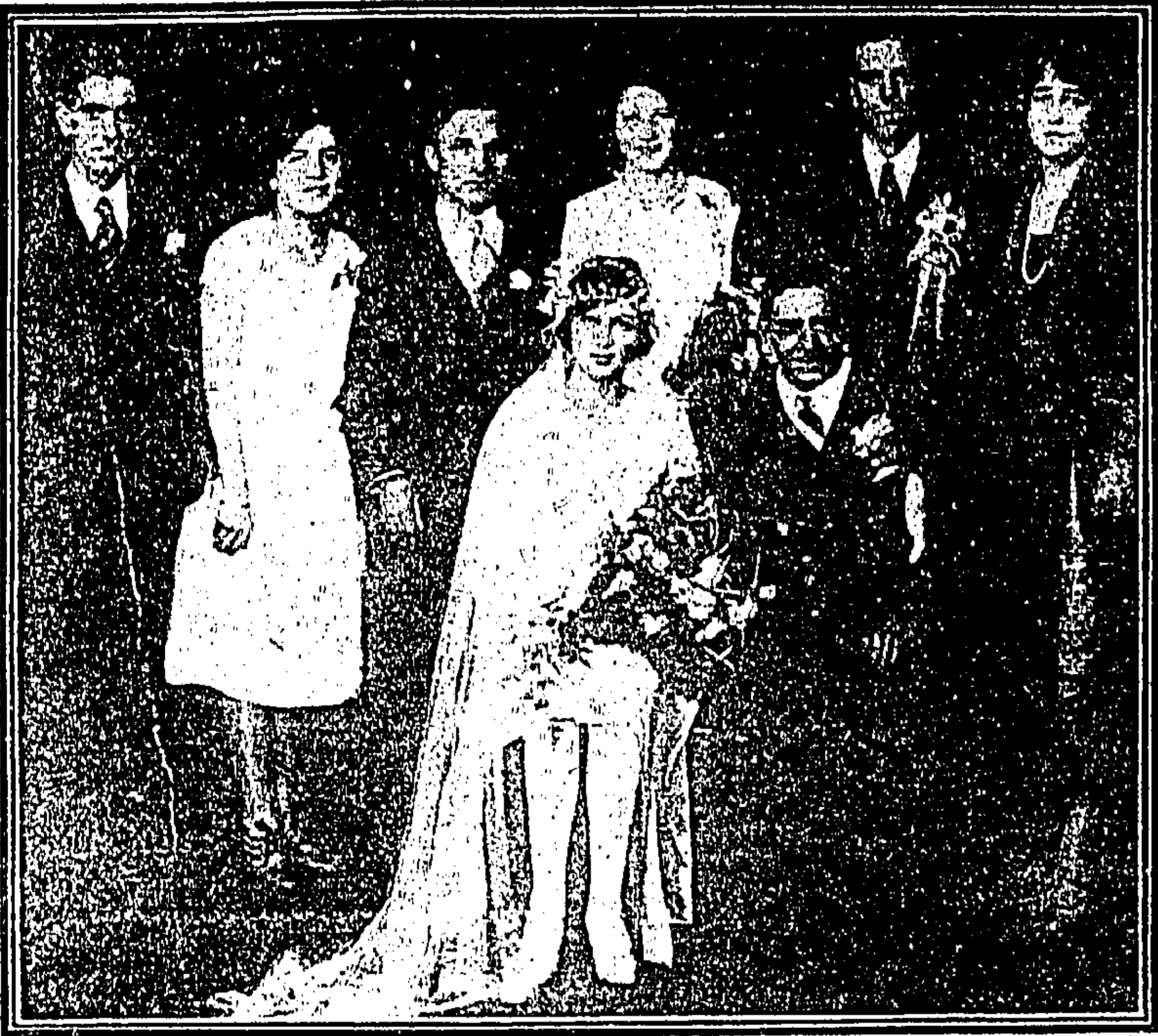


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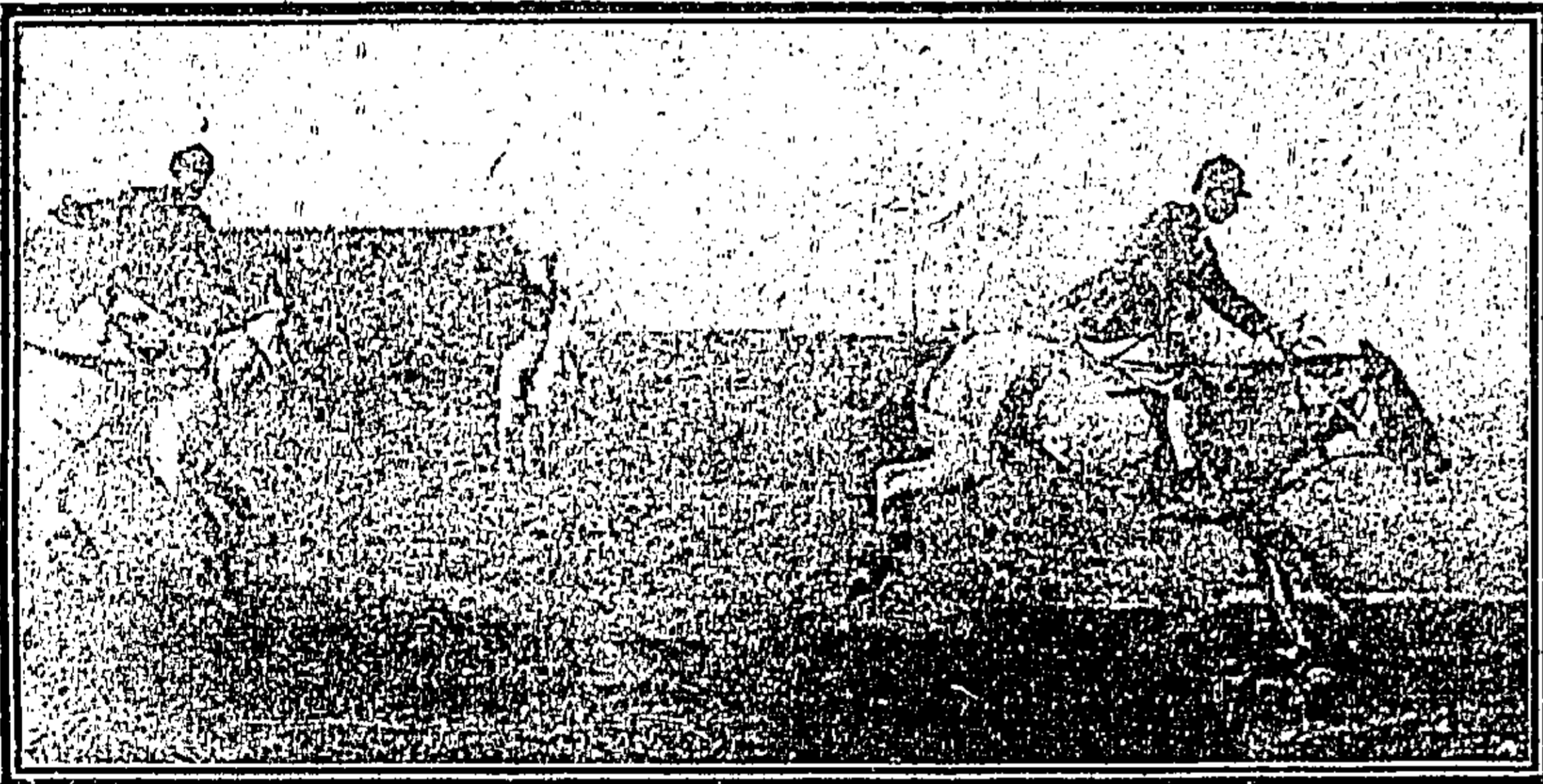
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Group taken after the wedding in Shanghai recently of Mr. Peter Todd and Miss Margaret W. Cooper. The bridesmaids were Misses Veronica and Victoria Cooper and the best man Mr. J. W. Hurst, O.B.E. formerly of the s.s. Sunning.



The scene at the Foreign Y. W. C. A. rooms in Shanghai after all the presents of clothing, food, etc., had been tied up in parcels and the baskets were being filled prior to their distribution among many needy families.



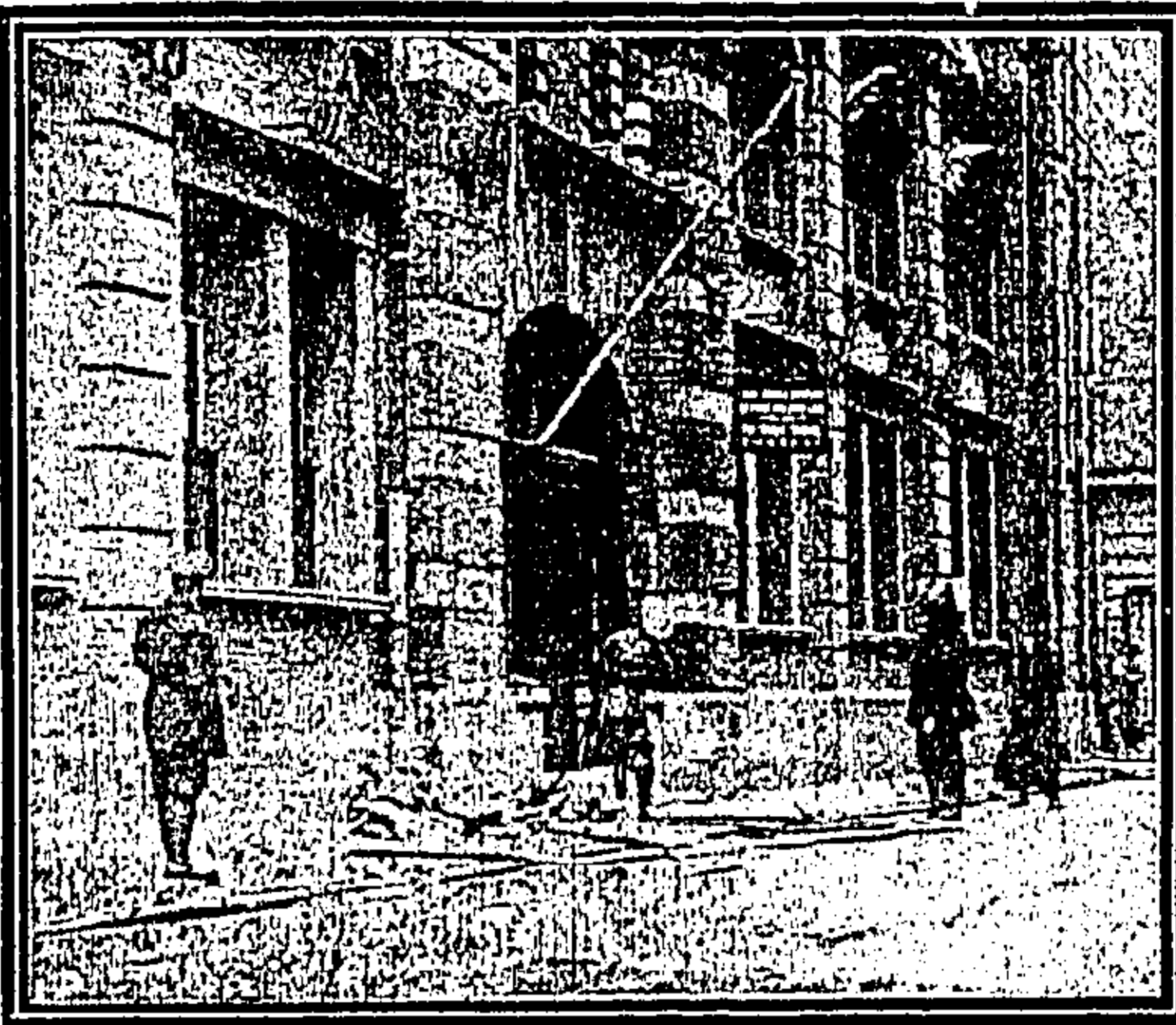
Mr. A. Hughes on "Wild Strawberry" taking Baffle Greek Jump during a recent Shanghai paper hunt in the Minghong country. Mr. Hughes finished second.



Bridal group taken at the recent wedding in Shanghai of Mr. Ronald H. Wallace and Miss Anne Clarissa Heffron. Left to right: Mr. V. J. B. Holland, M.C. (best man), Miss Ina Ruth Castle (bridesmaid), the bridegroom, the bride, Mr. C. Reeves and Mrs. Reeves.



Mrs. Margaret Lillendahl, of May's Landing, N. J. who is on trial charged with the murder of her husband is pictured above with her young son.



View down Hongkong Road Shanghai of the premises which caught fire recently from which seven inmates had a thrilling escape.



Miss Lorna Fowler, Miss M. Connor and Miss Georgia Moorser, snapped at the eighth paper hunt of the Shanghai, season.

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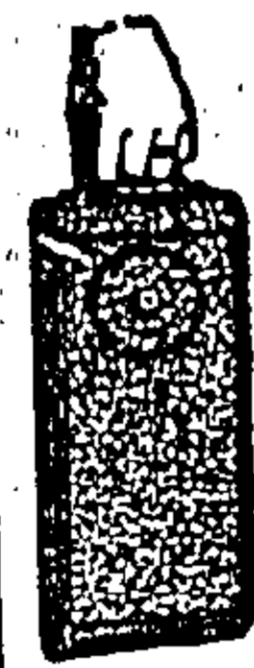


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TO LET.—Office Rooms 2nd Floor, New Hongkong Bank Building. Apply Sang Kee, same building.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CLUB LUSITANO.

CIRCULAR.

A Comissao Directora do Club Lusitano tem a honra de convidar os Excmos. Srs. Socios e suas Exmas. Famílias e os demais da Comunidade Portuguesa para se reunirem na sala "Luz de Camões" do Club Lusitano na Sexta-feira, 27 de Corrente as 5 1/2 horas da tarde, a fim de assistirem a Recepção aos alunos do Lyceu Central de Macau.

A fim de que esta festa seja revestida de maior brilho possível a Direcção pede a comparencia de todos os Srs. Socios e suas Exmas. Famílias e os demais Membros da Comunidade Portuguesa.

A. E. S. ALVES, Secretário.
Hongkong, 26 de Janeiro de 1928.

HUMPHREYS, ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on Thursday, the 9th February, 1928, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, 1st February to Friday, 10th February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.
Hongkong, 25th January, 1928.

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SAN FRANCISCO, U.S.A. Announce

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Hongkong, Jan. 25, 1928.

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Twenty Third Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of Messrs Dodwell and Company, Limited, on Tuesday, the 7th February, 1928, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1927. The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 30th January to 7th February, 1928, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD., General Managers.



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NOTICE.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF HONGKONG AND SOUTH CHINA (SCOTTISH CONSTITUTION).

ANNUAL MASONIC SERVICE.

All Brethren are invited to attend Divine Service at St. John's Cathedral on Sunday evening, January 29th, at 6 o'clock, when the Third Annual Masonic Service will be held.

E. J. EDWARDS, District Grand Master Depute.
Hongkong, 26th Jan. 1928.

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE A SHIP'S NAME.

I, John Hennessey Seth of No. 6, Des Voeux Road Central, Liquidator of Oriental Navigation Co., Ltd. (in liquidation) hereby give notice that in consequence of uniformity I have applied to the Board of Trade, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the ship "ARMANESTAN" of Hongkong Official number 113715 of gross tonnage 5,029 tons, register tonnage 3,230 tons, heretofore owned by Oriental Navigation Co., Ltd. (in liquidation) for the permission to change her name to "ARMANESTAN" and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of Hongkong as owned by Oriental Navigation Co., Ltd. (in liquidation).

Any objections to the proposed change of name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hongkong within seven days from the appearance of this advertisement.

Dated at Hongkong, this 25th day of January, 1928.

Signed J. HENNESSEY SETH, Liquidator, Oriental Navigation Co., Ltd. (in liquidation).

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE A SHIP'S NAME.

I, Hajee Mohamed Hassan Nemaazee of 1, Prince's Building, Hongkong, hereby give notice that in consequence of uniformity I have applied to the Board of Trade, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the ship "INTABA" of Hongkong Official number 129345 of gross tonnage 4,736 tons, register tonnage 3,099 tons, heretofore owned by me for the permission to change her name to "ENGLESAN" and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of Hongkong as owned by me.

Any objections to the proposed change of name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hongkong within seven days from the appearance of this advertisement.

Dated at Hongkong, this 25th day of January, 1928.

(Signed) H. M. H. NEMAZEE.

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Cowes, Dec. 23.—After nearly two days liberty the two convicts, Albert Williams and Walter Rayner, who bolted from a working party on Wednesday afternoon, were caught on Rols Hill, five miles from Cowes, at eight o'clock this morning. They were marched into Cowes Police Station by Constable Denham, wearing oilskins and "sou' wester" hats, and they looked dejected and dishevelled.

Mrs. SEKAI MASSAGE
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LAMBERT'S AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions from Mrs. G. A. V. Hughes to sell by Public Auction,

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At her residence, No. 7, Humphreys Buildings, Kowloon.

The Whole of her Valuable Household Furniture,

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Extension dining table, Teak sideboard with bevelled mirror, Dinner waggon, Glassware, Crockery, &c.

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SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1,200 b.
Chartered Bank, \$215 b.
Moroantle A. & B., \$327 n.
P. and O. \$10 n.
East Asia, \$733 b.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$590 b.
Union Ins., \$300 b.
North China, Ins., Tls. 143 n.
Yangtze Ins., \$461 b.
China Underwriters, \$2.40 s.
China Fire, \$215 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$680 b.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$401 n.
H. K. Steamboats, \$251 n.
H. K. Tugs, \$21 s.
Indo-China, (Prof.) \$35 b.
Shell Trans., \$51 n.
Union Waterboats, \$18 b.

Mining.

Benguets, \$21 n.
Kailans, 60/- n.
Lampkats, Tls. \$181 b.
Shai Exploration, Tls. 2.85 s.
Raubas, \$4 b.
Tronohs, 17/6 b.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$129 n.
Whampoa Docks, \$411 b.
China Providents, \$3.75 b.
Hongkows, Tls. 163 b.
New Engineering, Tls. 5 s.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 89 n.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. \$71 s.
Orientals, Tls. 1 n.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 461 (old) b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$8.75 sa.
H. K. Lands, \$64 b.
Shai Lands Tls. 127 b.
Humphreys, \$141 b.
Realities, \$8.45 b.
Territorials, \$11 n.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$25 sa.
Peak Trams, (old) \$14 s.
Star Ferries, \$63 n.
China Lights, (Comb.) \$15 b.
H'kong Electric, \$70 sa.
Macao Electric, \$64 b.
Telephones, \$4.30 b.
China Buses, Tls. 61 n.
Singapore Traction, 11/9 b.

Industrials.

China Sugars, \$91 s.
Malabons, \$273 n.
Canton Icos, \$31 b.
Cements (Comb.) \$11 b.
Ropes (Old) \$7 b.
United Asbestos \$10 s.

Stores &c.

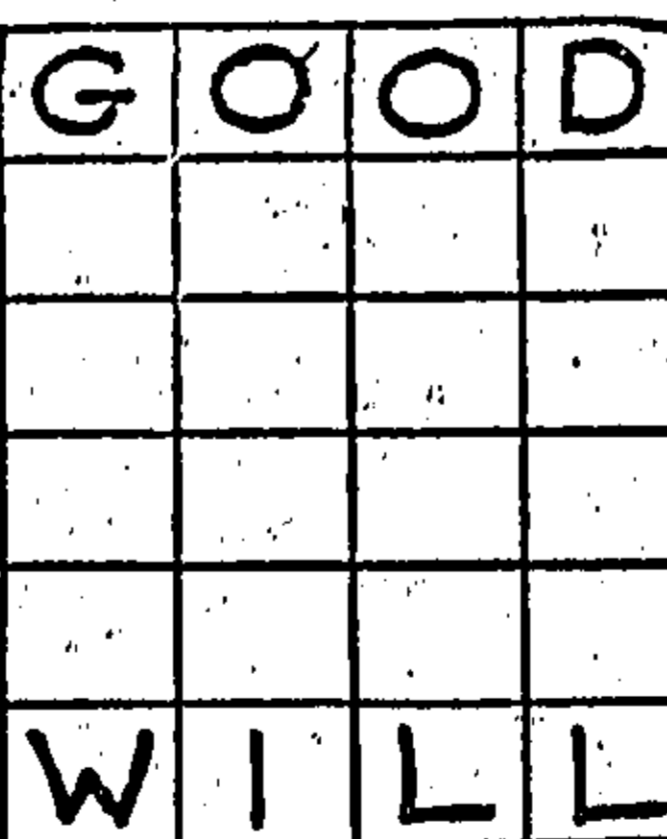
Dairy Farms, \$18 b.
Watsons, \$11.40 b.
Der A. Wing, \$6 s.
Lane Crawfords, \$3.60 b.
Mackintosh, \$22 s.
Sinceras, \$71 b.
Wm Fowells, \$5 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$26 b.
Constructions, \$11 n.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 56% b.
H. K. G. Loan, 5% Prorr.

LETTER GOLF.

Just because Christmas is past, don't think you have to bury GOOD WILL until next December 25.



1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW TO HEN in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.

2—You can change only one letter at a time.

3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

Dutiable articles forwarded by letter post to Great Britain are liable to confiscation by the Customs. Such articles should be forwarded by parcel post only.

Letters and postcards for Europe and the British Isles are forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed. It is notified for information that Feather Pens and Brooches cannot be sent by post to Great Britain. They are prohibited by the Plumage (Prohibition) Act of 1921.

RADIO NOTICES

Holders of Wireless Receiving Station Licences are reminded that their Licences for the year 1928 are due for renewal before the 15th inst. Fee \$5.00 per annum.

Radio Telegraph Services are now in operation with the following: Ships at sea, Europe, American Continents, Hawaiian Islands, Dutch East Indies, Dutch Borneo, Philippine Islands, French Indo China, Province of Yunnan, Canton, Swatow, Kwongchow, Fort Bnyard, Tchekam, Hoihow, Amoy, &c.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESSES.

Persons and firms having correspondents in the places named above should, in order to avoid delay to telegrams received by radio, register their telegraphic addresses immediately.

Rates and further particulars on application to the Radio Counter, 1st Floor, Government Building.

Radio telegrams are now accepted at the Radio Counter 1st Floor Government Building, for transmission via Hanoi to Bangkok and all parts of Siam at the rate of 80 cents (\$0.80) per word. Commencing Wednesday, Jan. 24th, radio telegrams will be accepted at the Radio Counter, 1st Floor Government Building, for transmission to all offices in British North Borneo at the rate of 40 cents per word.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Japan	Santhia	January 23
Shanghai	Tenyo Maru	January 24
U.S.A. Honolulu Japan and Shanghai	Tenyo Maru	January 27
Japan and Shanghai	Hama Maru	January 27
Shanghai	Szechuen	January 27
Europe via Negapatam (Letters only, London 20th Dec. 1927)	Laisang	January 28
Europe via Negapatam (papers only, London 29th December, 1927)	Talumba	January 28
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Wilson	January 28
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Madison	January 30
Manila	Pres. Cleveland	January 30
Japan and Shanghai	Malwa	February 3

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Lian	Thurs., Jan. 26, 3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kong Ming	Thurs., Jan. 26, 4.30 p.m.
Straits	Gleniffer	Thurs., Jan. 26, 4.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Wingwo	Thurs., Jan. 26, 4.30 p.m.
Manila, Sandakan, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Arufura	Fri., Jan. 27, 5 p.m.

Parcels Jan. 26, 5 p.m.
Registration Jan. 26, 5 p.m.
Letters Jan. 27, 8.30 a.m.
(Due Thursday Island, 11th Feb.)
Hainan Fri., Jan. 27, 1 p.m.
Tonkin Fri., Jan. 27, 1.30 p.m.
Santhia Fri., Jan. 28, 9 a.m.
Parcels 29th 9 a.m.
Letters 29th 9 a.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles

Registration Sat., Jan. 28, 4.30 p.m.
Letters 28th 9 a.m.
G.P.O.
Registration 28th 8.45 a.m.
Letters 28th 8.45 a.m.
(Due Marseilles 26th February).
Hainan Sat., Jan. 28, 1.30 p.m.

Sandakan, Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and Europe via San Francisco and Europe via Siberia

Tenyo Maru Sat., Jan. 28, 5 p.m.
Registration 4.15 p.m.
Letters 5 p.m.
(Due San Francisco, 22nd Feb.)
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong Nanning Sat., Jan. 28, 5 p.m.
Manila Pres. Wilson Sat., Jan. 28, 5 p.m.
Anking Sat., Jan. 28, 5 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow Sun., Jan. 29, 8.30 a.m.
Kalgan Sun., Jan. 29, 8.30 a.m.
Hozan Maru Sun., Jan. 29, 9 a.m.

Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, C. and S. America and Europe via San Francisco and Europe via Siberia

Pres. Cleveland Mon., Jan. 30, 3 p.m.
Parcels 3 p.m.
Registration 4.15 p.m.
Letters 5 p.m.
(Due San Francisco 23rd February).
Lai Sang Mon., Jan. 30, 5 p.m.
Kai Ching Tues., Jan. 31, Noon.

Amoy, Swatow, Amoy and Poochow, Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles

Angers Tues., Jan. 31, K.P.O.
Registration 1 p.m.
Letters 1 p.m.
G.P.O.
Registration 1.45 p.m.
Letters 2.30 p.m.
(Due Marseilles 2nd March).

Manila, Amoy and Poochow, Swatow, Amoy and Poochow, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles

Pres. Madison Tues., Jan. 31, 4.30 p.m.
Hai Hong Fri., Feb. 3, Noon.

Malwa Fri., Feb. 4, K.P.O.
Parcels 3rd Feb. 4.30 p.m.
Registration 4th Feb. 9 a.m.
Letters 4th Feb. 10 a.m.
G.P.O.
Parcels 3rd Feb. 5 p.m.
Registration 4th Feb. 8.45 a.m.
Letters 4th Feb. 10.30 a.m.
(Due Marseilles 2nd March).

Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America, Europe via Vancouver B.C. and Siberia

Empres of Canada Tues., Feb. 14, Parcels 3 p.m.
Registration 4.15 p.m.
Letters 5 p.m.
(Due Vancouver B.C. 4th March).

THE FLUSH SYSTEM.

SOME INTERESTING OFFICIAL STATISTICS.

At yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board, the Chairman (Mr. W. J. Carrie) made an interesting statement regarding water-flushed closets.

Referring to an item on the agenda, the Chairman said:—
In continuation of my replies to the questions asked by Mr. Braga at the last meeting of the Board I now furnish the Board with a list of all water flushed installations on

the island. A copy has been laid before each member and given to the Press. So I trust you will not require me to read the actual figures.

It is, I believe, accurate but it has not been possible to give the figures exactly under the headings asked for. Explanatory notes have been added where necessary. No Naval or Military property is included in the list.

May I again stress the point that the mere number of water flushed installations in any one building is no index to the amount of water consumed in that building.

The list follows:

Statistics of Water Flushed Installations in Hongkong (excluding Kowloon).

	Closets				Totals	
	European Type	Chinese Type	Trough	Urinals	Flushed by Government Mains	Flushed by Independent Water Supply
Houses	1,497	1,395	11	149	1,892	578 (1)
Hotels	356	55	4	150	565	665
Hospitals	187	20	14	20	241	137
(Government and Private)						
Offices	1,024	51	29	210	1,314	10
Government Buildings (2)	302	74	74	143	693	39
Schools (Private)	36	6	6	2	50	23
Takoo Property (3)	52	13	19	9	93	—
Totals	3,454	454	157	683	4,748	1,304

(1) Mainly on the Peak where an independent supply is impossible.
(2) Includes Government Offices, Schools and Quarters and Public Latrines and Urinals.
(3) Entered separately as division into offices, houses, &c., is not fully recorded.

BUSTER KEATON.

"COLLEGE" AT THE QUEEN'S TO-DAY.

Buster Keaton's capital new comedy, "College," will be the feature attraction at the Queen's Theatre from to-day to Saturday. "College" presents Buster as a book scholar and a muf in games. His girl, Mary, nicely played by Anne Cornwall, urges him to athletic prowess. He goes into training. Here is a rich interlude, with Buster trying everything he can think of on an Olympic Games ground. He cuts a sublimely ludicrous figure with every athletic implement, and his calm despair after every failure is extraordinarily amusing. By a cleverly devised sequence, he runs to the rescue of his girl, and on the way accomplishes every feat that has hitherto floored him.

"College" is full of droll incidents and comical thrills. It is undoubtedly the happiest of all Buster Keaton's comedies.

VEGETABLE EXPORTS.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED AT SANITARY BOARD.

At yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board, the following questions were asked by Mr. J. P. Braga and replied to by the Chairman (Mr. W. J. Carrie):

(1) Is the Government aware that large quantities of fresh vegetables are regularly exported by steamers out of Hongkong?

Yes.
(2) If statistics of such exports are available, will the President obtain the figures in respect of the month of December last and for the first half of the current month?

No statistics are available.

(3) Will the President also state, as his opinion, whether the export in large quantities of fresh vegetables from the Colony tends to restrict supplies for the local markets, and if so whether any inadequacy of supply exists thus operating as a factor in the keeping up of prices of vegetables in Hongkong?

The policy of the Government has always been to maintain Hongkong as a free port. It is

"THE GOLD RUSH."

CHARLIE CHAPLIN AT THE WORLD.

"The Gold Rush," Charlie Chaplin's greatest comedy, is the feature attraction at the World Theatre from to-day to Saturday. With that genius which is peculiarly his own, the famous screen comedian has depicted with subtle tender and delicate master-strokes the struggle of man's eternal hunt for happiness, its heartbreaks and tears and its laughter and joy. Against a background of the tragedy and misery suffered by the pioneers who first journeyed to ice-bound Alaska for gold, he has built the funniest comedy of his career, a picture that can be seen again and again with undiminished pleasure.

"THE WEDDING SONG."

TO-DAY'S NEW FILM AT THE STAR.

The new picture at the Star Theatre to-day is "The Wedding Song," with Lentrice Joy in the leading role. The story deals with a band of crooks who plan to rob a young islander of pearls worth a million. The plan works well until the girl crook unexpectedly falls in love with the intended victim. Then, things happen indeed. The scenes range from the coral strand of a tropic isle to the underworld of San Francisco and back again. There are several thrilling incidents. The supporting cast is excellent, with Robert Ames as the leading man.

quite likely that if restrictions on exports were imposed the vegetables would not pass through Hongkong at all. It is not believed that the export restricts supplies for the local market.

With regard to the Cattle and Swine returns for December Mr. Braga said they made interesting reading and asked if it was necessary to restrict them to the Board. He thought it would be appreciated by the community if they were made public.

The Chairman said he would arrange for copies to be sent to the Press.

WOMAN'S WORLD
FOR OUR LADY READERS.

London Gossip.

[By Joan.]

London, Dec. 13.
At the moment everybody is talking about the probability of the Prince visiting Kenya and East Africa.

Although the announcement of the forthcoming visit is quite unofficial, it is also, I believe, quite true.

The visit may take place at the end of next year or the beginning of 1929.

Princesses.

Princess Helena Victoria is among the Royalties wintering in Africa, and Princess Marie Louise sailed for East Africa last Friday. Captain Alan Lawrence and Mrs. G. F. Hatfield accompanied Princess Marie Louise, who will be much missed from London.

Dish Dedication.

This Princess is, I think, the only member of the Royal Family who has a restaurant dish named after her.

You can order sole Marie Louise, a delicate creation of an artist chef.

It is curious to note how this custom of dish dedication has faded away from Society. Modern instances are few and far between.

"Vox"—Last Night.

Last night the wonders of Leo Theremin's "music from the air" broke upon the general public at the Albert Hall.

The Russian inventor has decided to name his electrical trivance Vox—a word of universal meaning. He sails on the Majestic to-morrow for America, and begins a world tour.

The Face of a Poet.

In appearance this smart, slim young man does not resemble the general idea of what a physicist should look like. His face is handsome and very refined. He carries himself with modesty and his manners are charming. He has a young wife, but no children. There is a young cellist in Paris, called Sallet, who is learning the technique of the new musical instrument. Sallet is 14 years old and will doubtless be the first virtuoso of Vox.

It will be interesting to see whether Fritz Kreisler, who is in America, will be induced to take up the "Vox." Many believe his musical genius is perfectly suited to the instrument.

Queen's Thought.

For the last Seamen's Bazaar somebody asked the Queen if she would graciously send something to be sold. Her Majesty regretted she had already disposed of all her own work, but promised a picture, which was sent and raffled for a large sum.

When the winning ticket was drawn it had the name of "Stook" upon it and no address. Everybody tried to think of anyone of that name without success, but when the children returned from their tea and heard it the youngest one joyfully exclaimed, "Stook! Oh! how lovely. That's grandmamma's 'odd' man. He will be pleased."

So the Queen's charming present of a lovely water-colour was proudly borne away by the Duchess of Westminster's odd job man.

Midnight Rehearsal.

Rehearsals for the Porcelain Tableaux, which will be seen at the Savoy Theatre to-day, began at midnight.

Some of the prettiest women in society enlightened the dark theatre

by their gay chatter and their costumes, all made of oilcloth. They were accompanied by cavaliers, who brought thermos flasks, champagne and dainty sandwiches.

A New Fashion.

VEGETABLE DECORATIONS.

Vegetables, hitherto neglected in the dress world, are now being used for trimming purposes, with effective results. All kinds of vegetables, in their natural shapes and colourings, are being worn on day and evening frocks, and sometimes also on hats. One particular attraction of vegetable trimming is that some of their bright and attractive shades are not to be

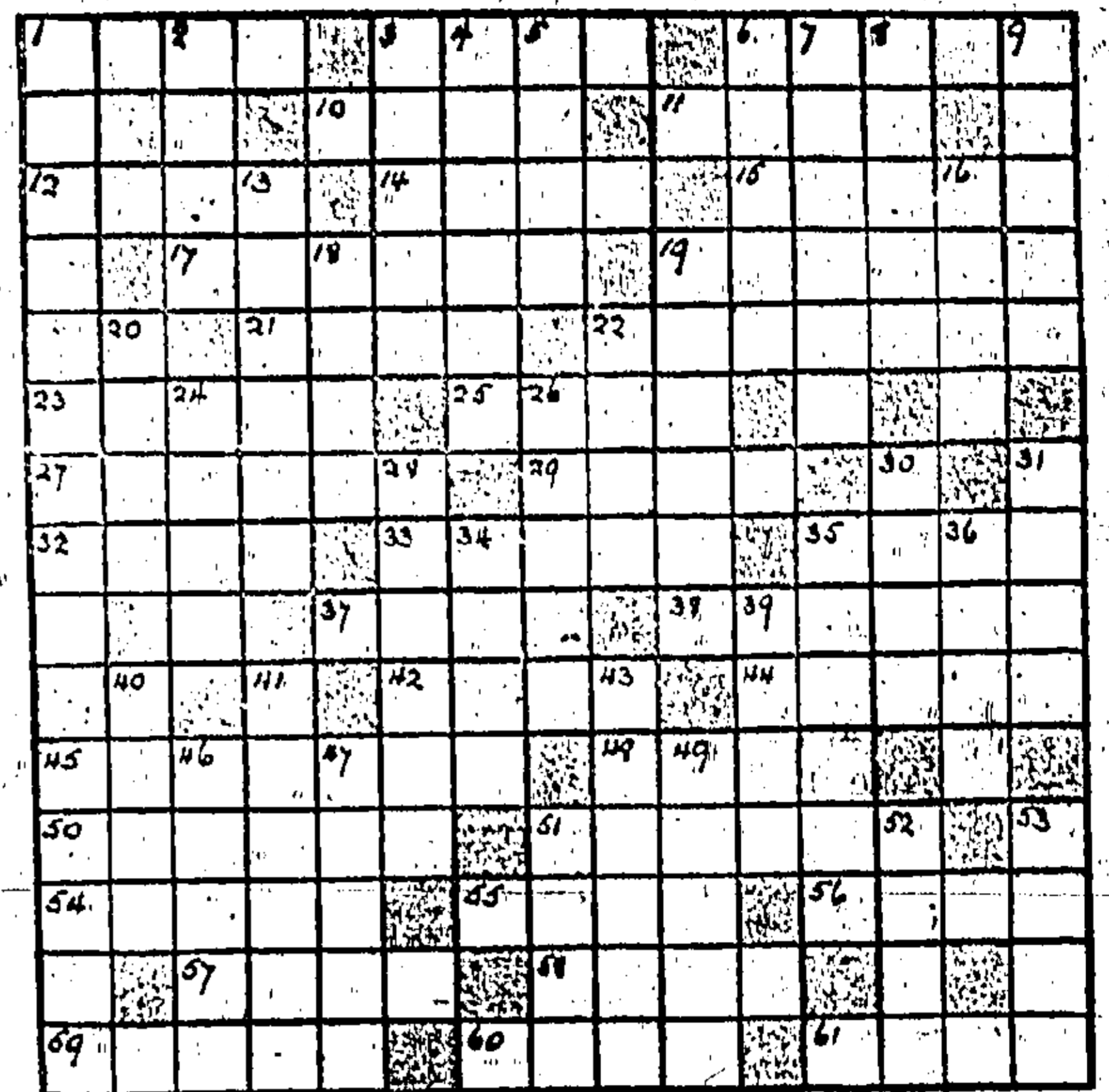


In the wainscoted library there is a vast collection of books on the subject of William Penn. Lady Demetriadi's grandmother was born a Springett, into which family the 17th century pioneer married.

Quaker and Shaker.

By the way, Lady Demetriadi has introduced a new cocktail into the shaker's repertory. It is called a "Lone Tree" cocktail, and glistening at the bottom of the glass is a tiny onion instead of a cherry. I don't know what it tastes like, but the presence of this odoriferous vegetable at least makes for surprise and comment.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across.

- 1 Fetter.
- 3 Detest.
- 6 Cleave.
- 10 Red gem.
- 11 Prior.
- 12 Glass of a telescope.
- 14 Fluted.
- 15 Berceuse.
- 17 Fruit used in salads.
- 19 President.
- 21 Has the shape of a crescent.
- 22 Merriness.
- 23 Measures of area.
- 25 Kind.
- 27 Sounds of bells.
- 29 Turn round.
- 32 Middle.
- 35 Member of the shrimp family.
- 36 Food obtained from palms.
- 37 Disturbance.
- 38 Varieties of textile fabrics.
- 42 Urgent want.
- 44 Place of ingress.
- 45 Dethroned.
- 48 Caused to sound.
- 50 Inferior being in contradistinction to man.
- 51 Concealed.
- 54 Pertaining to tone.
- 55 Italian exclamation of joy.
- 56 Roster.
- 57 A bore.
- 58 Dress fabric.
- 59 Fashions.
- 60 A green colour (heraldry).
- 61 Contradict.

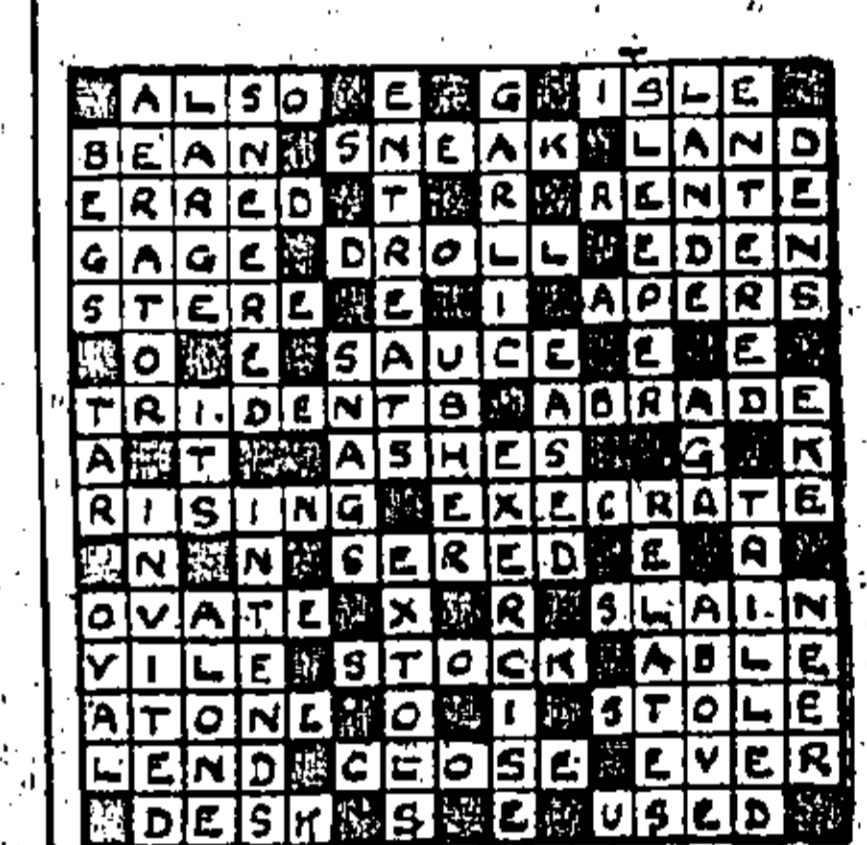
Down.

- 1 A brewing.
- 2 Market.
- 3 Belonging to man.
- 4 Remits.
- 5 Novice.
- 6 Piffle.
- 7 Trims with the beak.
- 8 Let.

Curl of hair.

- 13 Grave.
- 16 Garment.
- 18 Pondor.
- 19 Open.
- 20 Continued pain.
- 22 Became larger.
- 23 Further point attained.
- 24 Old gold coin.
- 26 Oval.
- 28 Species of corundum.
- 30 Heavy wooden hammer.
- 31 Army.
- 34 Full of roe.
- 35 Professional vocalist.
- 36 Joy.
- 39 Current of air.
- 40 Kind of cotton gauze.
- 41 Obsequence.
- 43 One who conducts a team.
- 45 Something admitted.
- 46 Languished.
- 47 Markets.
- 49 Make suitable.
- 51 To let.
- 52 Knot.
- 53 Buffoon.

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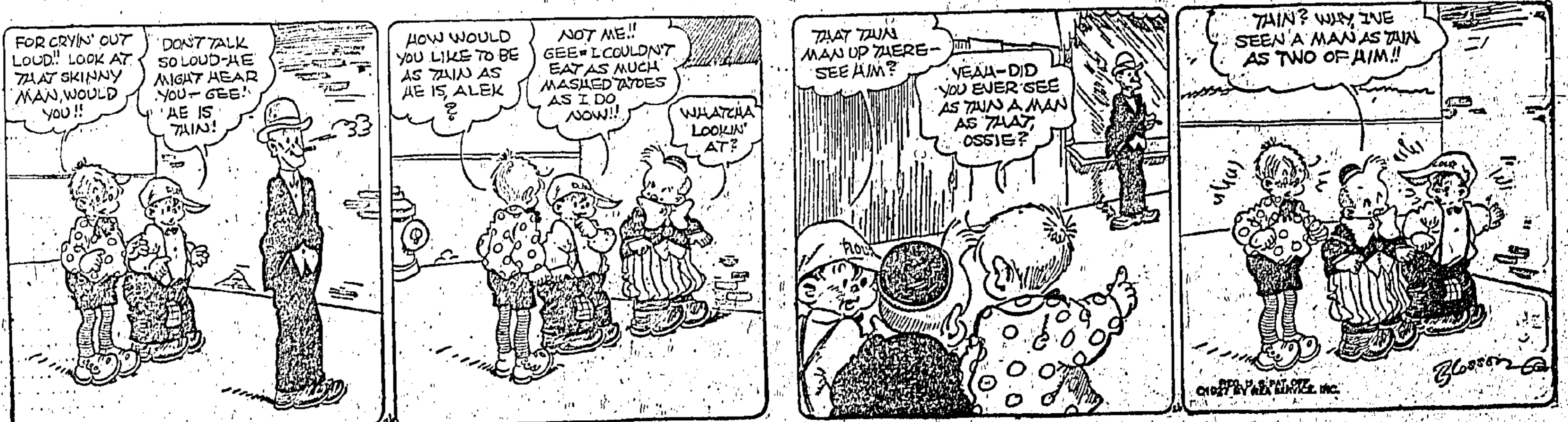
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MARRIAGE

ROBERTSON-RUSSELL.—On January 24th, at the Union Church, Kennedy Road, Kenneth Struan elder son of the late Mr. T. W. Robertson and Mrs. Robertson, of Victoria, B.C., to Catherine Buchanan, elder daughter of Mr. W. Russell, Government Marine Surveyor, and the late Mrs. Russell.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 1928.

CRACKER-FIRING.

Whilst we have no sympathy whatever with those "kill-joys" who would like to see all cracker-firing prohibited during the Chinese New Year holidays, we do hold the view that this method of heralding the advent of another year is greatly abused. Every year, the Government issues very definite regulations for the control of cracker-firing, but these are far more honoured in the breach than in the observance. This, despite the fact that the notification states that the police have "strict orders" to summon or arrest persons firing crackers in contravention of the regulations.

On looking through the notification recently issued, we find that in considerable areas on Hongkong island and in practically the whole of what is known as Kowloon Point, the hours set aside for cracker-firing during the holidays were from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday; and from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday. What actually happened in very many parts of these particular districts was that the firing began on Saturday afternoon and continued practically without intermission until Tuesday night, much to the annoyance of residents in general. It is definitely laid down in the regulations that the firing of these crackers must be confined to the times mentioned, but we all know that this order is deliberately ignored. It therefore seems to us that the authorities should take one of two steps—either amend the regulations as to hours and districts, if they are found to be impracticable, or else rigidly enforce the conditions laid down. The wholesale ignoring of official regulations ought not to be permitted.

There is another respect in which the need for strict enforcement of the regulations is called for. We refer to the custom of throwing crackers and other

fireworks from verandahs or pavements into the streets. Here again it is specifically laid down in the regulations that "no burning crackers or other fire is to be thrown above the head or near any person or inflammable material." Yet, in dealing yesterday with a number of cases in which Chinese were charged with throwing fireworks into the street, Mr. R. E. Lindsell is reported to have said that he was not at all in sympathy with such prosecutions. Thereby, he gave the impression that he regarded all cracker-firing with tolerance—an impression which he may not, however, have intended to convey. It obviously is a Magistrate's business to back up authority in such matters, and not to weaken its hands. In his references to the danger to which motorists are subjected by the throwing of crackers or other fireworks into the street, Mr. Lindsell displayed the wrong attitude. He said drivers would naturally take precautions to have the hoods and windcreens of their cars up when passing through Chinese districts during New Year holidays, and that he himself had driven through Wanchai several times and experienced no trouble. Apart from the phenomenal good luck which he must have encountered—for many times during the New Year we ourselves saw fireworks deliberately thrown at people in motor-cars and rickshaws—Mr. Lindsell must surely realise that fireworks exploding near motorists, whether wilfully directed at them or not, are most decidedly liable to cause serious mishaps. Moreover, it betrays a totally wrong conception of the position to contend that a motorist should go to elaborate pains to protect himself from danger of this character.

The Trouble in Samoa.

The recent events in Samoa, though of grave concern to the New Zealand Government, which holds a Mandate from the League of Nations, would be of relatively little importance to the world at large but for its favourable reflection on British policy towards dependencies. Those who preach of British Imperialism have yet a few more concrete facts to overcome, if they can, and it may be stated with safety that little serious attention will be paid to the demand of Mr. Holland, the N.Z. Opposition leader, for the recall of Sir George Richardson, the Administrator. Even those who have discovered no incentive to follow developments since October, 1926, when the agitation first assumed a serious phase, need very little to elucidate the statement of Mr. Coates, the Premier, that New Zealand will not tolerate interference with the authority of Sir George Richardson, preferring the interests of the large number of natives to the interests of a handful of Europeans. It speaks for itself. The deportation of Europeans was a drastic step, and one which was adopted only when all other means had failed. It has been the aim of Sir George Richardson, since he took over the Administration in 1923, to obtain for the natives a better price for their copra, and he has enforced a general prohibition of alcoholic liquor in the native interests. The European community of traders—copra forms ninety per cent. of the Samoan export trade—objected strongly to both aspects of this policy, and, led by a Mr. O. F. Nelson, since deported for five years, a man of Swedish-Samoan parentage, controlling one of the leading commercial concerns in the islands, invited the natives to attend a meeting. The natives were told of their so-called grievances but this fell flat with the more responsible Samoans. Amongst every community, however, there is to be found fertile ground for agitation, and the unrest has developed to such an extent that, as Mr. Coates said, the prosperity of Samoa has been prejudiced for some time, though the root of the evil has been eradicated by the deportations. The British feel a great responsibility towards the Samoans, and have displayed this in no uncertain manner.

A fancy dress carnival dance, organised by St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club, was held last night at Lane, Crawford Restaurant and attracted a large number of members of the Club and their friends. Music was supplied by the Titania Melodians, and prizes were given for the best and most original fancy dresses.

DAY BY DAY.

IT IS NOT TO THE STATE THAT WE OWE THE MULTITUDINOUS USEFUL INVENTIONS FROM THE SPADE TO THE TELEPHONE.—Herbert Spencer.

The B. I. s.s. Talamba, from Singapore, is due here on Saturday morning.

The Interport golf dinner is to be held at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant on Monday night.

The s.s. Confucius came out of Kowloon dock this morning after rest and berthed at a harbour buoy.

At the Star Theatre to-morrow night, at 9.15, a concert will be given by the pupils of the Academia do Liceu Central, of Macao.

The s.s. Yuet On, on sailing for Canton last evening, experienced engine trouble shortly after leaving the wharf and had to call for tugs to assist in reberthing.

The Kong Ning sailing this evening for Wuchow, is taking up a cargo of coal for s.s. Tai Hing, which vessel is still being hard aground below Dosing and running short of fuel.

Amongst the passengers who left by the Blue Funnel s.s. Antenor for Home yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Austin, Capt. R. T. Stephens, Mrs. and Miss Lawless, Mr. D. S. Wylie and Capt. and Mrs. D. G. Young.

A Chinese employed as a fitter on the Tjilliboot, which is undergoing reconstruction at Taikoo, fell into the ship's hold yesterday and suffered injuries to his head and side which necessitated his removal to the Government Civil Hospital.

A programme of modern French music is to be given at the Helena May Institute this evening. Those taking part are Mrs. Hargreaves Brown, Mrs. R. Sanger, Professor E. Gualdi, Mr. L. Hopkins, Mr. John Braga and Mr. Li Chor-chi.

The body of a Chinese mendicant has been removed to the Public Mortuary from a matshed on the Praya East Reclamation, opposite to Lee Tung Street, Wanchai. The body was found hanging by the neck from a rope suspended on the top of the matshed. The police believe it to be a case of suicide.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 13 arrivals and the same number of departures, leaving 87 vessels in harbour, British 34. Tonnage was comparatively good, with low freights, there being only five through registries of which three were British. The heaviest cargoes of the day were split between four nationalities, with British the best.

SIR DAWSON WILLIAMS RETIRES.

THIRTY YEARS EDITOR OF THE "MEDICAL JOURNAL."

Medical journalism loses a prominent figure in the retirement of Sir Dawson Williams, who for nearly thirty years has been editor of the "British Medical Journal." For seventeen years before his appointment as editor he had been connected with the editorial department of that journal.

The Council have appointed Dr. N. G. Horner, who has been assistant editor for the past eleven years, to succeed him. Dawson Williams set a high standard of brilliant and devoted service, and the "Journal" has been far from "editing itself" under his rule. He has been a power behind many thrones on which others have sat and achieved success.

His first love was scientific medicine, and he was a man of achievement when he relinquished active research work to devote his whole time to the "Journal" and to the British Medical Association. During his editorship the Council have had many anxious decisions to take, and his advice has always been sought and usually accepted.

AFGHAN ROYALTY IN PARIS.

KING AMANULLA AND QUEEN TO BE FETTERED.

Paris, Jan. 25. King Amanulla of Afghanistan and his Queen, who arrived at Paris to-day, were solemnly received by President Doumergue, supported by many Cabinet Ministers and authorities.

Crowds lined the streets of Paris, and the Royal visitors were warmly cheered. A series of brilliant ceremonies have been arranged to take place in Paris for the entertainment of the King and Queen.

Parisian papers, eulogising Franco-Afghan friendship, recall in detail the remarkable achievements of King Amanulla during his reign.—Havas.

BANVARD COMPANY COMING.

MUSICAL COMEDY TREATS FOR HONGKONG.

Mr. W. R. Banvard, the proprietor of the Banvard Musical Comedy Company, which opens a short season in the Theatre Royal, Hongkong, on February 6th, is not unknown in the Far East. There are no doubt still many in Hongkong who remember the shows brought out by him in 1919 and 1921, which, for completeness in detail and production, were counted amongst the very best we have seen here. This enterprising impresario, to judge by Press notices in India, Burma and the Straits Settlements, has now evidently gone one better, and, in conjunction with Mr. Ley Marks, his General Manager, has put together a company which in point of numbers, expense of mounting and repertoire, seems to have entirely eclipsed all previous efforts.

Those who know "Wally" Banvard, as he is more familiarly known in theatrical and sporting circles, know that he does not compromise with perfection, if such a state is possible, when he sets out to do anything. He was practically born in the theatrical business, and, being gifted with more than a usual allowance of horse-sense, a knowledge of what's wanted and a keen head for figures, it is no wonder that we find him at a comparatively early age in life one of the leading impresarios in the East. His shows have been acclaimed by the Press as "the best musical comedy company that has ever visited the East."

When one glances through the repertoire, which includes "Katja the Dancer," "Mercenary Mary," "Queen High," "Whirlwind into Happiness," and "Mr. What's His Name," shows that have all had a phenomenal run in London, it is not surprising that such eulogy should be forthcoming from the Press. Revue has not been neglected, and in this sphere much has been written of "The Review of Reviews."

The artistes are mostly from Dallys, the Gaiety, the Hippodrome and the Palace Theatre, London, and some of the girls have been recruited from the ranks of "Rose Marie" and "No, No, Nanette."

The Company should prove very popular here in Hongkong, judging from the big receptions it has been accorded elsewhere. The prices for seats will be \$5, \$3 and \$1, and we are assured by the management that a show of such high merit could not possibly be stayed on a paying basis at lower figures.

BUS CONDUCTOR'S EMBEZZLEMENT.

GAMBLER'S MONEY WHICH HE COLLECTED.

A conductor employed by the Kowloon Motor Bus Company appeared before Mr. V. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on a charge of embezzling the sum of \$46.55, the property of his employers.

The defendant pleaded guilty. Sub-inspector Dick told his Worship that the defendant, according to his accounts, collected \$45.55 on January 23rd and instead of paying in that amount, together with \$1 which he received for change before going on duty, he absconded.

The following day an Indian watchman employed by the Company found the defendant at his house. On the defendant was found the account showing that he had collected \$45.55.

When asked by his Worship what he did with the money, the defendant said he had lost it in gambling.

Sentence of six weeks' hard labour without the option of a fine was imposed.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Jan. 25.
Paris	124
Brussels	34.09
Amsterdam	12.084
Berlin	20.44
Copenhagen	18.20
Vienna	34.575
Helsingfors	19.34
Tientsin	2.70
Buenos Aires	47%
Shanghai	Holiday
Yokohama	1/11.1/10
New York	4.87 15/82
Geneva	25.314
Milan	22.10
Stockholm	18.18
Oslo	18.315
Prague	16.42
Madrid	25.925
Athens	3.674
Rio	5.20/32
Bombay	1/6.1/16
Hongkong	2/0%
Silver (spot)	26.8/16
Silver (forward)	26.1/16

—British Wireless.

The Very Idea!

A minister with a very cheery disposition called upon a sick parishioner, who was quite brightened up by his visit.

Just before the clergyman left, he remarked, "Would you like me to pray for you?"

"Hold hard," replied the sick man, "I'm not so bad as that!"

James Huff, proprietor of a delicatessen in Brooklyn, was ordered to throw up his hands by two hold-up men. Instead of obeying, Huff picked up what looked like a piece of iron pipe and chased them. The would-be robbers were captured by police and it was learned that Huff's weapon was a piece of Bologna.

Magistrate at Willesdon: Your husband is the defendant. Where is he? Woman: I don't know sir; he died some years ago.

Solicitor, at Bow County Court: My client objects to paying 50s. for extra nourishment for a cut foot.

Stratford man of a woman. There is nothing abnormal about her language—for the district.

Willesdon woman: He said that when he had finished with my husband I should never recognise him again.

Irishman at Old-street: If you fine me I will pay half now and half next Friday. Magistrate: Five shillings, all to be paid now.

West Ham magistrate to a thief: You will go to gaol for six months with hard labour. Thief: That will tide me over the winter. I must study how to do the next trick without being caught.

A man said at Clerkenwell County Court that he signed an agreement without reading it. Mr. Registrar Friend: Thank heaven there are people like you knocking about. You help me to get my living.

"With a single stroke of a camel's hair brush," said the school teacher, taking his class round the National Gallery, "Joshua Reynolds could change a smiling face to a frowning one."

"So can mother," said a small boy, "with the back of a hair brush."

A Scotsman who was summoned to appear at Wood Green Police Court for a motoring offence wrote that he had enclosed a £1 note. Court officials searched in the envelope, but no note could be found.

Magistrate: These Scotsmen are always careful. We are fining him 11s. He must be disappointed, though, for we are not sending him 9s. change.

It was suggested that a reply should be sent to the Scotsman that the change was enclosed—if he could find it.

A wedding which was to have taken place at Minchhead Parish Church recently was abandoned half way through the service in remarkable circumstances.

The bride was Miss Maggie Atkins, of West-street, Minchhead, and the bridegroom, Mr. Alexander Cummings, a soldier, of Tidworth, Salisbury Plain.

Seventy people were present in the church with the relatives of the bride. The service went smoothly until the bridegroom had to say the usual responses. He managed to answer "I will," but was unable to repeat accurately the few sentences following: "I, Alexander, take thee, Maggie, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, love and to cherish, till death do us part."

The vicar, the Rev. E. Parry Lidon, repeatedly tried to get the bridegroom to say the words properly, but without success. At last he declared that the ceremony would have to be abandoned. The soldier drove away with his bride's relatives in a closed motor-car to her home, and Miss Atkins followed later.

Later in the evening Cummings apologised to the vicar for his conduct. The vicar has informed the Bishop of Bath and Wells of the incident.

Miss Atkins said that Cummings had been abroad a great deal, he had a touch of malaria, a severe cold, and was nervous. She added that they did not know whether they were going to be married. It had not been settled yet.

Denton—"I'm tired of eating in restaurants."

Fenton—"Why don't you get married?"

Denton—"I am."

If a woman takes up the office of Magistrate she should carry it out.—Miss L. M. Kingswell Jones, J.P.

We Colonials love London because she is kindly and homely, and has a dignity of her own not surpassed in all the world.—Sir James Parr.

Modern motor fire engines have taken much of the glamour out of the London fire.—Fireman J. A. Corrigan (last of the horse fire engine drivers of London Brigade.)

KIUKIANG AFTER
A YEAR.GENERAL DETERIORATION OF
THE PORT.

AIR OF NEGLECT.

Writing under date of the 11th inst., the Kiukiang correspondent of the N. C. Daily News says:

Just about a year ago Kiukiang was evacuated, and we were amongst the last of the little party to leave the port. What exciting days they were too; with the boycott of Britains, the difficulty of getting supplies, the threats of the mob, and the untiring patience of the naval authorities, until there came the final rush of mob and soldiers taking possession, looting the houses, and forcing the evacuation—never to be forgotten days. Then the over-crowded steamer, with over 300 foreign passengers, instead of the normal 30 or 40. So to Shanghai and "safety."

Changes During the Year.

What changes has the year brought to Kiukiang? Outwardly there is little change, except that the port shows a general deterioration, as regards the upkeep of the streets, and there is an air of neglect about the place.

There seem to be a number of police about the streets, but thieves abound, and one has to keep all doors locked.

One cannot fail to notice in getting about, that the people are far more respectful than they were last year in the days preceding the evacuation. Numbers of them, have had a pretty hard year, especially those who depended on the Kuling season to make money; there was certainly "nothing doing" for them.

Prices of all commodities, except rice are very high, and trade is very bad. And this is not to be wondered at, for duty, taxes and dues on all goods coming into the port are exorbitant. One has had to pay 40 per cent. of the value of groceries, in getting them imported from Shanghai, and transhipped to Nanchang. Besides this, coolie hire is at least five times higher than it was.

Conditions in the Province.

Passports have been granted for some of the male missionaries to return to the interior, and the China Inland Mission is planning to have their vacant stations visited.

Workers of the German Alliance Mission have remained at their posts all the time, and report the situation quiet; they go about the country without molestation, and are generally welcomed by the people. In some parts of the province however, brigands abound.

COMPENSATION IN
WAR.LESSONS FROM DEFENCE
OF THE REALM ACTS.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer has appointed a Committee to inquire into the working of the Defence of the Realm Acts and Regulations in the late War with a view to advising to what extent and on what principles compensation should be paid for property or business requisitioned, controlled, or otherwise interfered with in time of national emergency, both at home and abroad; what powers should be conferred on the Executive in order to give effect to these principles; and what instructions, if any, should be drawn up for the practical guidance of officers employed under these powers.

The Committee is constituted as follows: Sir W. F. Kyffin Taylor, K. C. (Chairman), Sir Vincent Baddeley, Sir T. Barnes, Mr. H. G. Bushe, Mr. D. de B. Davidson, Sir Howard Frank, Mrs. H. G. Gough, Mr. B. A. Grievy, Mr. M. L. Gwyer, Mr. E. E. Hollyway, Mr. W. Leitch, Sir Henry Payne, Mr. A. Andrews Uthwatt, Lieut. Colonel E. E. Holt Wilson, with Mr. J. R. Chambers, of the Treasury, as Secretary.

New York, Dec. 23.—The statement made in the House of Commons with regard to the losses incurred by the British Post Office in the Transatlantic telephone service was read with much interest here. The American Telephone and Telegraph Company has also found this service not a paying proposition, but has announced that the service will be continued in spite of the fact that the loss incurred by it is relatively larger than that sustained by the G.P.O.

WHAMPOA CADETS
WELCOMED.AN ANTI-CHRISTIAN
DISPLAY.

NEW BOYCOTT CAMPAIGN.

Hongchow, Jan. 18. A great civic welcome given to the large number of students of the Whampoa Academy, has been the chief topic of interest in Hongchow during the past week. The theatre in the Tartar City was requisitioned, and the main gateway was suitably adorned and gaily decorated for the purpose. The whole environment hummed with jubilant excitement and the promoters spared no pains in making these gala days an historic occasion.

The town was bedecked with ornate posters setting forth the old time slogans, but presented them in a new dress. One picture represented the revolution: an army in the full tilt of a charge beating down the enemies of the people's cause. The first charge is depicted as being successful in destroying the Christian Church for, at the bottom of the gulf of blood and fire, the Holy Scriptures and the Cross have been tumbled about in ignominy and shame. The militarists and the Communists have also had their fall. It is striking to notice that the last enemy to receive the bayonet thrust is "The rotten and corrupt faction," presumably within the Party.

A Call to Patriots.

By way of New Year greeting, the students literally deluged the city with handbills bearing a very important message for the hour. The text of these reveals the fact that there are leaders who are fully awake to the dangers which threaten the ultimate issues of this "national" movement. Golden conduct and worthy deeds cannot be produced from leaden intellects and unworthy motives, and here we have a clarion call to the "Faithful leaders of the Party; Arise in a body and act."

Foreign Goods and Devils.

In the commercial world there can be no doubt that of late trade has languished, and dealers are breathing a heavy sigh. The populace are being continually stirred up about their lack of true love for their country because of giving preference in their shopping to goods which come from abroad. A steady propaganda is carried on to educate the people and urge them to patronize home products. "Everyone under the blue heaven and white sun flag should smoke," but see that the cigarettes are native made! reads one poster. A skeleton entering the house figures one trade poster, which announces: "To take pleasure in foreign goods is just like allowing devils to enter your home." "Using goods from abroad can only be likened to taking opium!" and another poster, which bears a serial number 638, exhorts the buyers not to tolerate the heavily laden ships with foreign commerce; hurry up, and get your own ships filled with the products of the land for export.

A gathering of pastors and church leaders was convened at the chapel connected with the China Inland Mission Bible School, last week. It was an all-day session, and plans were formulated for the carrying out of special evangelistic meetings to be held, during the early days of the new year, in all the churches of the city. Pastor and Mrs. Liu entertained the company to dinner, after which a profitable time was spent in Bible studies from the book of the Revelation.

Eight Communists Shot.

A slight fall of snow caused a pleasant diversity to the general daily gossip, but the news of no less than eight men being shot for Communist tendencies, made one aware of sinister dangers not far below the surface.

TWO ROBBERIES
REPORTED.INTRUDERS WHO POSED
AS DETECTIVES.

According to a police report, an armed robbery has been carried out by seven men, two armed with revolvers, at an unnumbered match at Sheung Wai Cheung village, Chin Wan district. The victim was a farmer, who was bound and gagged by the robbers. The latter left after staying a few minutes, with money, jewellery and clothing valued at \$25.

Another report from Kowloon City gives details of a robbery at an unnumbered hut occupied by a tea-house keeper, and his family, where four men, by posing as detectives, gained admittance to the match, and after overpowering the occupants, overcame with money and clothing to the value of \$25.

MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

Pachmann's Return—The Latest Columbia Records—Local Music.

[BY "ALLEGRO."]

Pachmann, the octogenarian pianist, has been making a lot more farewell appearances at concert halls at Home. His farewells started long before the War, but a few years ago it seemed as if he had really been heard for the last time. In his retirement, however, he began to age very rapidly and he was advised to return to the concert platform, as he missed greatly the enthusiasm of his audiences. Even when he recorded a year or so ago for H.M.V. they had to provide an audience before he would consent to play. Now he is in his element again. Sometimes he gives a recital, and as his agents have no idea what he will play, the programme simply gives a list of pieces from which he will give a selection. Sometimes he appears with one or two other artists, and his role is to appear rather late in the programme with his watch in his hand and rubbing his eyes to imply that it is too late to perform. He got up to his old antics, describing to the audience the beauties of the pieces he is about to play and remarking on them to the front rows while he is performing. He still dances on the platform when he is pleased with the way in which he has played. His playing, they say, is marvellous, though naturally not as accurate and brilliant as it used to be. People remember what he once was, and bring him back to the platform time and time again.

Pachmann was once asked why he talked to himself while playing. He replied: "For two reasons. First, because I like to hear a man of sense talking; and secondly, because I like talking to a man of sense." Another remark made by him recently: "Once there were two pianists in the world. They were Liszt and Pachmann. Liszt is dead."

He was the greatest Chopin player of his time. Beethoven never suited him. He declared that Beethoven's Sonatas are detestable; he "used to play them all at one time, but threw them over years ago."

The latest batch of Columbia records is noteworthy for the inclusion of a set of eleven Wagner records actually reproducing the performances at the Wagner Festival in Bayreuth. This festival has been held there periodically since 1876, and the orchestral players are specially selected and consider it a privilege to perform there. The singers, too, are the best Wagnerian singers of the day. Most of the records are of "Parsifal," including the Good Friday music and the Flower Maidens' scene. There are also items from the Rheingold and Siegfried, and the famous Ride of the Valkyries (especially fine). The whole set is splendid. It is a great improvement on previous issues of Wagner to have the addition of vocalisation. For instance, in the Entry of the Gods into the Walhalla, the usual rendering is enhanced by the Rheingold Maidens' trio, which gives a better impression of the operatic presentation. The set should sell like "hot cakes" among Wagner enthusiasts, and especially among our German residents.

Among the other December records, I would specially mention the Cassé Noisette Suite, played by the B.C. Symphony Orchestra, and two ten-inch records of tenor solos from La Tosca and Turandot (Puccini's unfinished opera) sung by Tom Burke and Meseltine. Cherubini's "Anacreon" Overture, performed in Amsterdam, and the "Rosamunde" Overture of Schubert can also be highly recommended. The recording of all these is excellent. Poulshoff's rendering of Shepherd's Hey (piano) is not so good as the composer's (Granger's) but the attractive little Caprice of Paderewski's on the other side in itself makes the record worth purchasing. Two rather nice Ballads are sung by Hubert Elsdell. There are two records by Clara Butt also. I have never been able to understand why this artist is so popular; when listening to her records one dreads the moments when she takes a breath. But she is popular, and her records fetch a high price.

The chief concert of note in the last fortnight was that given at the University by the K.O.S.B.'s full Band. To appreciate it properly, one had to be in the balcony. Downstairs, one was too close to the Band in the fortissimo passages. But the audience was most enthusiastic and the hope was expressed that there would be another on similar lines in the near future. We get practically no music of that kind out here, and it was most enjoyable to be

SOME SHANGHAI
TOPICS.AUTHORITIES ON THE
ALERT.

TRIBUTE TO DEAN SYMONS.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Jan. 21. There has lately been a surfeit of New Year celebrations—three, in as many weeks, to be precise. First of all, there was the dawn of 1928, which the world in general welcomed on January 1. Then the Russians had their own New Year on January 13, which, incidentally, happened to be on Friday—Black Friday, as our American friends would call it—and now, in accordance with the immemorial traditions of "old" customs, the Chinese are preparing to usher in their Lunar New Year as their forefathers have done before them for countless ages.

A curious manifestation that has perplexed this city on the eve of these successive New Years is the tenacious persistence with which reports have been circulated of impending catastrophe just as the populace were preparing to go into holiday garb and feast and make merry. Thus on Christmas Eve there were vague reports of an ominous nature relative to a projected Communist uprising, and with the advent of the Chinese New Year, similar reports have been revived that a "Red" revolt is planned.

Whether the dissemination of these canards is the work of "kill-joys" who delight in throwing cold water on ebullient spirits is not known to the writer, but the mere fact that such reports have gained currency has resulted in a decision both by the foreign and Chinese authorities to leave nothing to chance, and the requisite safeguards have been adopted against all contingencies. In Chinese territory, martial law is being rigidly enforced and a state of curfew is maintained shortly after 10 p.m.

A significant feature of the precautions taken this year is the issuance of an edict forbidding the firing of crackers to boom a welcome to the New Year because cases have occurred in which outlaws have found firecrackers useful in drowning the sounds of pistol shots.

The Passing of Dean Symons.

Words are sometimes too cold adequately to register the sense of loss felt by a community when some particularly loved figure is taken away by the Grim Reaper. That sense of loss now pervades this cosmopolitan community following the sudden death, from pneumonia, of Dean C. J. F. Symons, of Holy Trinity Cathedral.

Shanghai is the poorer by the passing of Dean Symons, for not only was this truly good man a great Christian, but he was, essentially, a most Christ-like man, in every sense of that term.

He was in harness till the last, and it was characteristic of his indomitable nature and conscientious devotion to duty that his death was due to his having officiated at a funeral in the bitterly cold weather which prevailed recently whereby he contracted a chill which developed into pneumonia.

Few men had interests of such a varied nature. The Missions to Seamen felt the highly beneficial influence of his guiding hand; in educational and philanthropic work he revealed enthusiasm and tireless energy; and in local Masonic circles he stood high, both as a lodge worker and as an after-dinner speaker of rare charm and quality. He was probably one of the hardest worked, and hardest working men in Shanghai, with a multiplicity of duties and self-imposed obligations to his fellow-men and women, that few others than those immediately surrounding him could ever really know.

The late Dean himself was very fond of saying in after-dinner speeches that he was quite perplexed in trying to discover whether he was a busy dean or a dizzy bean, and this phrase, of his own coining, somehow stuck to him. On one occasion he narrated that in the course of a marriage ceremony at which he officiated he was addressed as "dear Dean," but could not say whether it was meant as a term of endearment or a polite hint about the costliness of his fee, which had just then been raised.

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able to hear Verdi, Gounod, Suppé, Mascagni and such composers. The programme was not of a heavy order and therefore made its appeal to a larger musical public. The soloists were Mrs. Bowes-Smith (soprano) and Mrs. Balean (violin).

QUIET CONDITIONS AT
LIMCHOW.RECENT TROUBLE NOW
PASSED.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Limchow, Jan. 20. Politically, matters are very quiet in the Lim Pak district at present. About three weeks ago, there was considerable disturbance in the Cheung Lok neighbourhood, as one section of Lau Chi-wah's troops were very aggressive. Schools were closed and many people fled from their homes, but even there matters have now settled down and buying and selling and preparing for the Chinese New Year are in full swing from Pakhoi to the West River.

Weddings have been very frequent of late, and the heavy red bridal chair, with its accompanying train of cotton-wool quilts, house furnishings, roast pig and live ducks, obstructs the narrow streets at every turn.

A constant stream of peasant folk enters the city from country districts, bringing in poultry, wood, fruit, vegetables, home-made baskets and other ware for sale, and returning later laden with goods purchased from the well-supplied shops and stores.

After centuries of fear of "devils entering from the north," the Limchow authorities have opened a city gate on the north side of the wall, which is a great convenience to many people.

Approaching Limchow from the Pakhoi side, one notices extensive repairs to the C. M. S. St. Barnabas Church in progress. Through the ravages of white rats, the roof collapsed more than two years ago, and owing to boycott restrictions the steel girders made in Hongkong were lying at the Tai Po go down until a few months ago. It is expected that the contract for rebuilding will be completed next month.

BANVARDS COMING.



Above is Mr. W. R. Banvard, proprietor of the Banvard Musical Comedy Company, which is to open a season in Hongkong on February 6th.

New York, Dec. 23.—Mr. Mellon, Secretary to the Treasury, has stated that the Treasury is not issuing an anti-dumping order against German steel products, as upon investigation the charges regarding dumping proved to be unjustified.

HOW MUCH DO YOU
KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the Daily Express.

- Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.
1. What London church has a tower surmounted by a grotesque statue?
 2. What lost language was once spoken all over the British Isles?
 3. What are huckam and fustian?
 4. What is officially declared to be the annual damage done to British foodstuffs by mice?
 5. What are "conkers" which are now "in season"?
 6. What workers on the Underground are fitters, tapers, and scuffers?
 7. What is the origin of the fo'castle on board ship?
 8. What domestic animal, other than the rabbit, supplies nearly 60,000 skins per annum for conversion into furs?
 9. What London church has been likened to a dining table turned upside down?
 10. What famous writer was born over a draper's shop in Ploughcourt, Lombard-street?
 11. For how long will England have to pay America \$25,000,000 a year to liquidate our war debt?
 12. What is the present estimated population of the British Empire?

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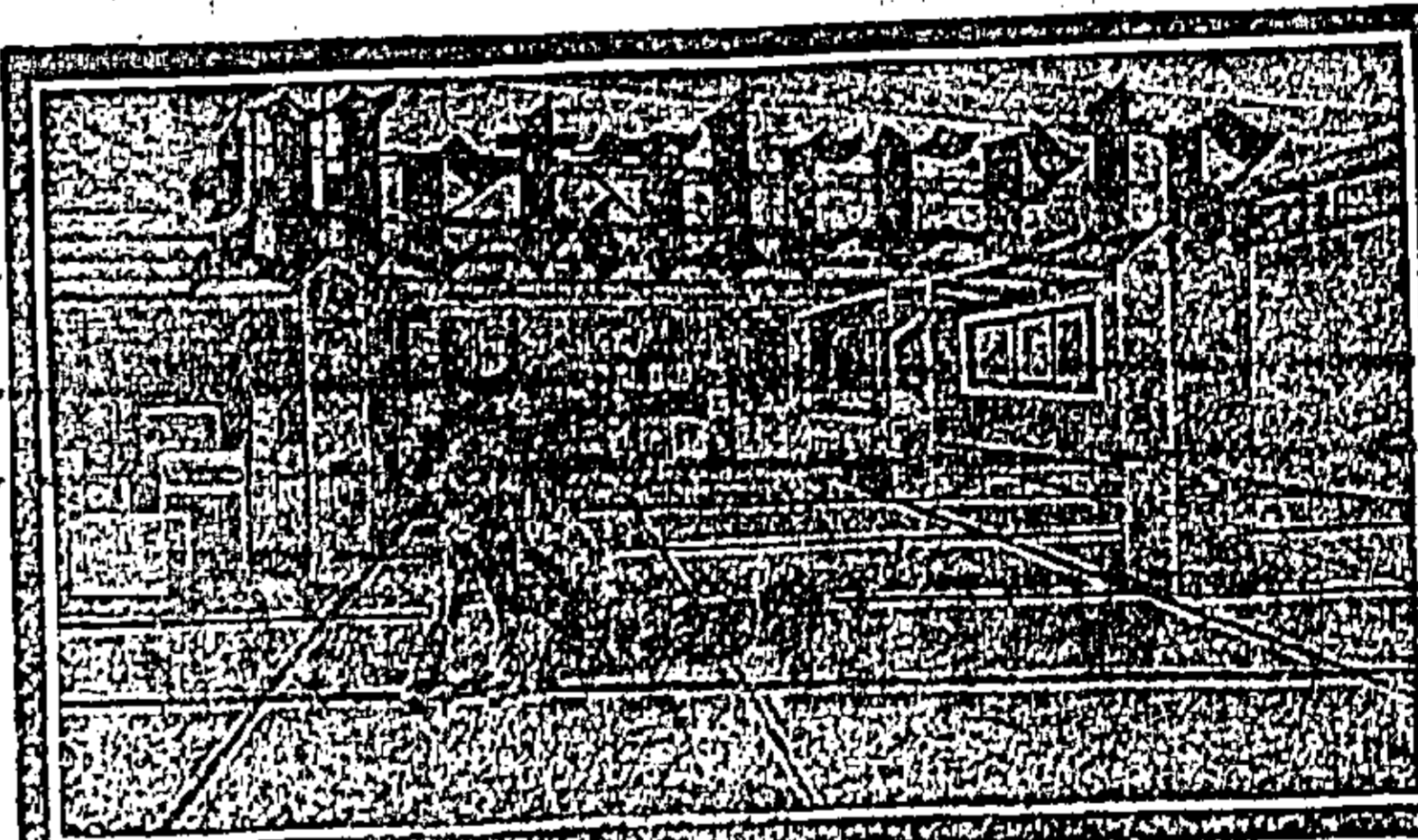
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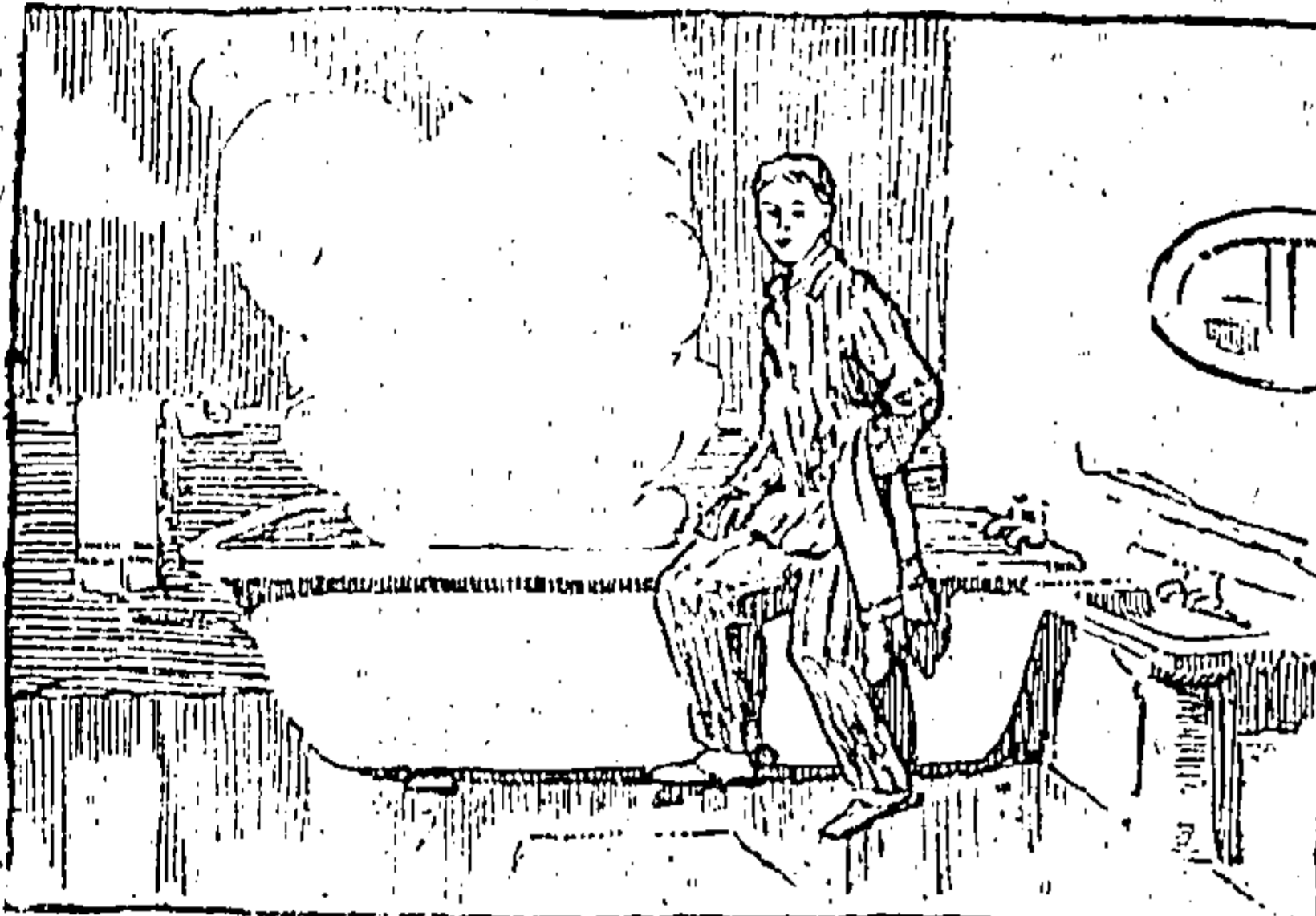
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An interesting survey was recently conducted of a middle western American city of more than half a million people, to find out where the buying public received its inspiration for their purchasing. The question was asked what form of advertising influenced them most—magazine, street car, billboard or newspaper. In order to be fair, newspapers were put at the end of the list. The results were as follows:

Kind of Advertising	Number Influenced	Per Cent Population
Newspapers	110,868	90.3
Magazine	9,059	7.3
Street Car	2,036	1.6
Billboard	731	0.6

THE WORLD OF SPORT

THIRD TEST MATCH DRAWN.

FINE SCORE BY SOUTH
AFRICANS.

CONSISTENT BATTING.

London, Jan. 25.
England having won the first two, the Third Test Match at Durban was left drawn to-day. South Africa put up a fine exhibition in their second innings, declaring after obtaining a lead of 230, and giving England time to make 132 for the loss of two wickets.

The scores were:
South Africa: 246 and 464 (for 8 wickets each).
England: 430 and 132 (for two wickets).

Play was stopped by bad light. The Fourth Test begins at Johannesburg on Saturday.—*British Wireless.*

Further Details.

Durban, Jan. 25.
The third Test match was resumed in sunny weather on a fairly fast wicket before a moderate attendance, and by the lunch interval, South Africa had carried their score from 279 for four wickets to 381 for the loss of two additional wickets. Nicholson and Morkel were the men dismissed, the former after contributing 78 and the latter 32.

In the afternoon, South Africa reached the total of 464 runs for eight, and declared. Dene (73), and Napen (69) were the most valuable batsmen.

England scored 39 for one wicket before the tea interval arrived and afterwards increased the total to 132 for two wickets, and the match was drawn. Tyldesley had 62 runs (not out) to his credit while Holmes scored 56.—*Reuter.*

FANLING GOLF.

RESULTS OF CHINA NEW YEAR MEETING.

There was a large crowd out at Fanling during the China New Year holidays, and satisfactory entries in all the competitions.

There were no less than 101 entries in the bogey pool, which was won by P.P.J. Wodehouse (18) with a card of 6 up. F. A. Merry (16) being second with four up. Other scores were: H. P. Bloxham (6) and D. Forbes (14), 2 up; L. H. Gane, E. C. Frederick, A. E. Wood, F. S. Harrison, A. Pierey, F. A. Perry and F. Taylor, all square.

Medal Round.

In the Medal Round there were 36 entries. The winner was E. C. Frederick, 85—15=70 and the second F. Cowherd 85—14=72. Other scores were F. A. Perry 90—17=73, W. L. Dunbar 81—8=73, G. Murray 81—7=74.

Mixed Bogey.

Sixteen pairs competed in the Mixed Bogey, won by Mrs. Dodwell and F. A. Redmond, three down. Mrs. Bridger and A. K. Henderson returned a card 4 down, and Mrs. Gore and Colonel Matthews 5 down.

Best Ball Score.

Twenty pairs entered for the best ball score. There was a tie for first place between G. Davidson and Lt. Comdr. Brown W. D. Brown 18—13=65 and T. S. Whyte Smith and D. J. Gilmore 18—11=65. Other scores were: A. Leach and W. L. Dunbar 18—9=66 and H. G. Hegarty and F. S. Harrison 17—10=67.

RUGBY INTERPORT.

UNITED SERVICES DEFEAT HONGKONG.

Shanghai, Jan. 25.
In the Rugby Interport the United Services beat Hongkong by 35 points to 8. Hongkong played mostly on the defensive. The victors were the heavier team.—*Reuter.*

SHARKEY V. RISCO.

MATCH TO DECIDE TUNNEY'S CHALLENGER.

Boston, Jan. 25.
Jack Sharkey has signed articles for a fifteen rounds bout with Johnny Risco, of Cleveland and, to be held in New York on March 12, winner to meet Tunney for the Heavyweight title in the summer.—*Reuter's American Service.*

THE SCOTTISH CUP.

THREE MORE DECISIONS NOW
REACHED.

2ND ROUND DRAW.

London, Jan. 25.
In the re-played Scottish Cup match, St. Johnstone, playing at home, lost to the Hearts by one goal to nil, after extra time.

Dundee United, at home, overcame East Fife by two goals to one, in their re-played Cup tie.

At Dumbarton, the home team lost to their postponed Cup match with Hamilton, the latter winning by three goals to two.

The Draw.

The draw for the second round, to be played on February 4th, is as follows:

Forfar	v. Kilmarnock.
Forres Mechanics v. Hearts.	
St. Mirren	v. Vale of Athol.
Dundee United	v. Dundee.
Dunfermline	v. Leith Amateurs.
Partick	v. Alloa.
Stenhousemuir	v. Falkirk.
Ayr	v. King's Park.
Armadale	v. Raith.
Motherwell	v. Cowdenbeath.
Rangers	v. Hamilton.
Airdrie	v. Morton.
Queen's Park	v. Brechin City.
Brechin City	v. Albion.
3rd Lanark	v. Hibernians.
Keith	v. Celtic.

—*Reuter.*

SIM SHIELD HOCKEY.

R.A.F. SUCCUMB TO THE CLUB.

Playing on the United Services Recreation ground, Kowloon, yesterday, the Club succeeded in defeating the R.A.F. in the Sim Shield Hockey competition by three goals to two, thereby obtaining their first victory in the three matches they have played. This was the second engagement in which the R.A.F. have participated, both of which they have lost.

The result of this match does not affect the two leading teams, the Navy and the Army. As will be seen from the following table the Navy have played four games and lead with six points, while their strongest opponents, the Army, have played three matches and have four points to their credit. The Club's victory yesterday places them in the table while the R.A.F. take bottom place.

The table corrected to date follows:
P. W. L. D. F. A. P.
Navy 4 3 1 - 17 5 0
Army 3 2 1 - 8 4 4
Club 3 1 2 - 5 12 2
R.A.F. 2 - 2 - 2 9 -

The Players.

Of the Club team the halves with the exception of Noronha were weak. Hicel was inclined to be slow while Sim found the R.A.F. right wing difficult to hold. Wheeler was the pick of the forward line.

The R.A.F. forward line was weak the players doing anything but score. Flying Officer Arbutnot showed the best turn of speed and initiative. The halves improved as the game went on and in the later stages the backs were strong.

Following are the teams.
Club.—W. J. Lockhart Smith; J. Henry and D. Lyon; A. C. Howell, J. E. Noronha, and E. L. Sim; G. B. Slipper, W. Woodward, F. G. Wheeler, E. W. Sampson, and T. Whitley.

R.A.F.—Sgt. Chamberlain; Flying Officer Webb and Lieut. Hale; A/C. Kidd; Lieut. Hunt and Lieut. Armour; L/C. Ashford, Flight Lieut. Birdon, Flight Lieut. Gairdner, Flying Officer Wallace and Flying Officer Arbutnot.

YESTERDAY'S FOOTBALL. UNITED SERVICES COMPETITION.

Yesterday at Sookunpo, the K. O. S. B. defeated the Ambrose in the United Services Competition by four goals to one. The Ambrose playing with a strong wind failed to register a goal in the first half, although they forced several corners.

The K.O.S.B.s scored once in the opening half. McGlinchey sent Humphries in and he beat Morrell from close range.

Early in the second half, Campbell scored from a centre by Alexander. Humphries put on the third.

A nice movement by the Ambrose forwards ended when Wallace beat Anderson with a fast low shot.

The Ambrose had a couple of chances to add to their score but failed close in. McGlinchey headed in from a centre by Campbell making the score four goals to one in favour of the K.O.S.B.s.

No further scoring took place, the K.O.S.B.s winning by the above score. To-day the Marathon play the R.A.M.C. in the Junior Competition, kick off at Happy Valley at 4 p.m. Rotore, Gr. Kinsella.

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English Cup and Scottish League matches (to be played on Saturday next, January 28th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal or high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on January 28th:—

ENGLISH CUP, FOURTH ROUND.

Bury	v. Manchester Un.
Cardiff	v. Liverpool.
Swindon	v. Wednesday.
Reading	v. Leicester.
Stoke	v. Bolton.
Arsenal	v. Everton.
Exeter	v. Blackburn.

DIVISION III. (SOUTH).

Norwich	v. Walsall.
Plymouth	v. Coventry.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Dundee	v. Hearts.
Kilmarnock	v. Celtic.
Queen's Park	v. Motherwell.

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Plymouth	v. Coventry.
Dundee	v. Hearts.
Kilmarnock	v. Celtic.
Queen's Park	v. Motherwell.

GOLF RIVALS.

ANNUAL MATCH BETWEEN VACUUM AND SINGER.

At the Deep Water Bay Golf Course yesterday afternoon, the annual match between the Vacuum Oil and Singer Sewing Machine Companies was played—Mr. C. T. Fowle representing Vacuum and Mr. G. Duclos representing Singer. The game was very exciting, a fair-sized gallery following the game.

At the end of the 36 holes Fowle was six up, having completed the four rounds in 200.

Mr. Duclos is an old base-ball player, with a record for hard hitting—yesterday he was twice on the sixth green in one.

The Bishop of Southwark (Dr. Garbett) has been unable to give his permission for the performance of a Nativity play by children in Christ Church, Streatham Hill. In a letter to the vicar, the Rev. R. P. E. Cheesman, the Bishop states that he has only given permission for the performance of such plays when the words have been taken directly from the Scriptures or based on the Scriptures. Christ was not represented in the play. The part of the Virgin Mary was to have been taken by a little girl.

PUBLIC SERVANTS LIABILITY.

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Mr. Lo continued that the defendant had given evidence that he was a public servant and it was necessary to show if under the Ordinance, he received any protection. Under Section 3 of Ordinance 10, 1917, it stated that no action shall be maintained against a public servant upon certain conditions being involved. One was upon any promise, express or implied, to repay money paid or advanced to him, or upon any bill of exchange or promissory note given by him. Under the first section of Section 3, the defendant was within the Ordinance, but under Section 3 of the same section it stated that the first section should not apply to a public servant whose pay at the time when the debt was contracted exceeded \$200 per month, exclusive of any allowance.

Mr. Lo continued that on the material dates the defendant was entitled to have his salary converted at the exchange of \$12 to the pound and in fact he had his salary so converted. The defendant had told the Court that on the material dates he received over \$200 a month, being \$210 on the first date and \$220 when the last note was signed.

Question of Salary.

His Lordship:—Except for the operation of Government Order 101, the defendant is protected?

Mr. Lo:—I quite agree.

Mr. Lo continued that all the Court was entitled to determine was whether, on the material dates, the defendant was in fact receiving a salary of over \$200 monthly. It would be most arbitrary to consider that a certain portion of a salary would be a mere allowance. Some Government servants did receive allowances, but in those cases they would be paid entirely differently.

Mr. Lo continued that when he was before his Lordship on a previous occasion, his Lordship had expressed the opinion that he might not have jurisdiction at all as soon as he had evidence before him that the defendant was a public servant. His Lordship was there impressed with the words of Sub-Section 3 in which it said "No action shall be maintained," which appeared to be prohibitive.

Mr. Lo quoted the Infancy Act and contended that it was up to the defendant to show that he was within that protection. In summing up, his Lordship thanked Mr. Lo for arguing the legal points. It was, he continued, an interesting matter which was not before him for the first time. On previous occasions he had, without legal assistance, given decisions on the same point and he was anxious that the plaintiff should have the benefit of legal advice in the matter, because in previous cases he (his Lordship) had decided the point adversely to his position.

Continuing, his Lordship said the action was brought on three promissory notes made by the defendant and given by him to the plaintiff. The defendant was quite clear in his view as to what he wanted done. He had no wish to offer any defence, and he did not wish to suggest that he had made a harsh bargain. He did not desire to depart in the least from any part of his bargain. The question which he (his Lordship) had to decide was whether, in the circumstances, he was bound to consider the Public Servants' Liability Ordinance (10) of 1917, and also whether, if he had to consider that Ordinance, the Ordinance itself provided protection to the defendant in the action.

Ordinance Operates.

Continuing, his Lordship said his view was that the Public Servants' Liability Ordinance, 1917, operated in the proceedings whether it was formally pleaded or not, also whether the defendant desired its protection or not. Section 4 of that Ordinance provided that proceedings and documents in or incidental to an action in contravention of the Ordinance should be absolutely null and void for all purposes, whether the Ordinance be raised as a defence or not.

The view which he held was that when once it had appeared, in any action brought on a promissory note against a public servant, that the defendant was in fact a public servant as defined by Section 2, Sub-Section 3 of the Ordinance, then the Court was *prima facie* without jurisdiction to entertain the action, unless it could be shown that that particular public servant came within the exception contained in Section 3, Sub-Section 2, of the Ordinance.

The definition of a public servant was "A public servant means any person holding any permanent appointment, the emoluments of which are wholly or in part derived from the revenue of the Colony." Section 3 provided that no action should be maintained against a public servant upon a promissory note given by him, but

SECRET ARSENAL UNDER SCHOOL.

WORKMAN'S SURPRISE FIND
DURING REPAIRS.

Belfast, Dec. 23.
Another big secret arms "dump," the second this month, has been found in Belfast.

A workman engaged in repairs in Belvoir public elementary school, Dec-street, pulled up from beneath the boards what he thought was a stone, but what in reality was a Mills bomb, fully detonated.

He reported the matter to the police, whose further investigations revealed:

50,000 rounds of assorted ammunition.
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A huge quantity of deadly explosives.
All were removed to the police station. The school was held daily over this concealed arsenal, which recalls memories of political troubles of a few years ago when Belfast was full of secret bases of this kind.

One of the biggest hauls from a secret arms "dump" in Belfast was made as recently as December 11, when the police found a great quantity of ammunition and arms in an untenanted house in the Falls area.

Naples, Dec. 22.

The death is reported, at the age of 93, of Pasquale Scalzo, known as the "Methuselah of Brigands." He had a notorious career of crime, and between the years 1860 and 1866 he committed 30 murders. When Garibaldi liberated Italy Scalzo took to the marshes and attacked and robbed everyone who was eventually caught and sentenced to hard labour for life.

For 48 years he was in Favignana penitentiary. In the course of the long years he completely changed, becoming a model of behaviour and almost a religious fanatic. So much did he impress the prison authorities that in 1915 he was liberated. He finished his days in prayer and religious exercises.

Onus On Plaintiff.

Wherever the onus of proof might be, the Court might pursue for itself an enquiry as to whether any public servant came within that exception or not. "It is not here material to decide where the onus of proof in this matter lies. In my view, the onus is upon the plaintiff to establish his right to maintain an action on a promissory note against a public servant."

In considering the evidence, the question arose for decision as to whether the defendant was a public servant whose substantive pay, on the date when the liability sought to be enforced was contracted, exceeded \$200 per month, exclusive of any allowances.

On the material dates the defendant received actually on his pay sheet the sum of \$210 monthly. Some portion of that amount was received by him in consequence of the operation of the Hongkong Government General Order No. 101. Without the operation of that Order, it was agreed that his receipts at any material time were less than \$200 monthly.

Continuing, his Lordship said the view which he held hitherto held, and which he still held, was that the additional payment to which a public servant became entitled under General Order No. 101 was in the nature of an allowance and was not in the nature of substantive pay. It was to be noted in the General Orders of the Government that the Order was at privileged rates of exchange. In addition, it was an allowance that could only be drawn while the servant was in the Colony. It would appear that if the servant was outside the Colony and his salary was drawn inside the Colony by his attorney, then that additional sum would not be payable as part of his salary to his attorney. It was quite distinct from any salary quoted in the schedule as attached to a permanent appointment. Substantive pay was the salary of a permanent appointment.

Concluding, his Lordship said for those reasons he was of the opinion that the substantive pay at all material times was less than \$200, exclusive of allowances, that the defendant was within the protection provided under the Public Servants' Liability Ordinance, 1917, and that being so, the Court was without jurisdiction to entertain the action.

"I therefore non-suit the plaintiff with costs."
Mr. Lo remarked that he understood the plaintiff would take the case to a higher Court.

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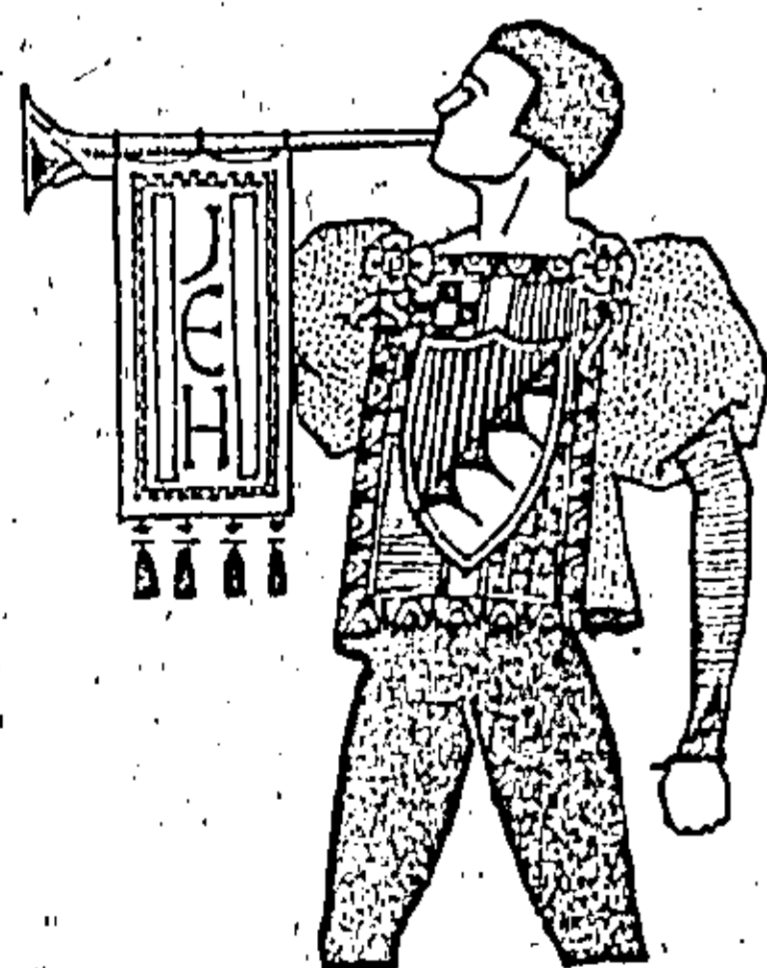
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BURNS' NIGHT.

(Continued from Page 9.)

Burns once visited my native place. He liked it so well, that he wrote a poem asking a bonny lassie to go courting with him there. That poem, "The Birks o' Abergeldy," is still a popular song. It was, along with the Auld Hundred, the first poetry I ever read.

But Sir, it must often have struck you that there is something odd about this toast being proposed by a bachelor. I know it is a tradition. I suspect it is a tradition meant to lead to a joke. And the joke is on the bachelor. Because, really, for a bachelor to talk about lassies, is like a blind man talking of beauty, a farmer discoursing on steamships, or a London journalist writing on China. Perhaps Mr. Kay is waiting till he is ten years richer, to marry someone twenty years younger. If so let him take warning from Burns' expression of the sentiments of Spring married to Winter.

"What can a young lassie, what shall a young lassie, What can a young lassie do wi' an auld man? Bad luck on the pennie that tempted my Minnie To sell her poor Jenny for siller an' Ian?" He may find, that, instead of being rejoiced by the wife of his bosom.

"He's peevish and jealous of a' the young fellows! When I tell him this I think I am, in every sense of the phrase, answering for the lassies. I hope I am also answering for the lassies when I quote again

"A man may drink and no be drunk; A man may fight and no be slain;

A man may kiss a bonny lass, And aye be welcome back again."

Mr. Kay has spoken well; for a bachelor. But it was not as a bachelor that Burns said his best things about the lassies. His verses on "The Tarbolton Lassies," "The Mauchline Bells," on "Clarinda on The Highland Lassie," on "The Lass of Ballochmyle and on Love," "Davies," "Bonny was the cannie wee thing, lovely wee thing, wert thou mine, etc."—these are all perfect in their kind. But deeper in its sweetness, more potent in its national influence, is what he wrote after marriage, now inscribed on his monument in the Square of Dumfries.

"To make a happy fireside cline To weans and wife, That's the true pathos and sublime Of human life."

Before he was able to write that, Burns had given up much. A famous critic, not always favourable to Burns, has said that the three things necessary to the support of genius are "prosperity, social acquaintance, and applause." Burns found these in Edinburgh in 1787. He might have enjoyed them all his life. With their support he might have risen to even greater heights than the pinnacle on which he is now established. But he chose to return to Jean Armour. He thought that a small farm, or £50 a year as an Exciseman, in the country with a wife and family, was worth more than prosperity, social acquaintance, or growing fame. The Roman Mark Antony is usually instanced as the symbol of the world well lost for love. But the Roman is an ignoble example, as compared with the Scottish Robbie Burns.

That Sir, is why the toast is so important on this anniversary. And that is why I am glad to be able to say on behalf of the lassies that I thank Mr. Kay for what he has so admirably said, and thank you for the spirit with which you have honoured the toast.

Mr. Kay has erstwhile given expression to a strange Bachelor's Philosophy in "A Dominie's Doggerel." But what he has said to-night is a worthier expression of the more typically Scottish creed which Burns versified when he wrote

"I hae been blythe wi' comrades dear; I hae been merry drinking; I hae been joyfu' gath'rin gear; I hae been happy thinking; But a' the pleasures ere I saw, Tho' three times doubt'd fairly, That happy night was worth them a'.

Among the rigs o' barley." On behalf of the lassies I thank you.

The speech, which was punctuated by frequent expressions of appreciation, ended amidst a burst of prolonged applause.

A Memorable Occasion. The evening concluded with a number of musical items, to which Messrs. G. McLeod, W. J. Blackley, Stewart, and others contributed. Mr. G. Grimble accompanying the songs.

The Rev. Kirk Macdonachie also gave a few minutes of much-appreciated Scots humour. At the conclusion of his examples of wit from North o' Tweed, Mr. Macdonachie referred to the fact that that would, probably be the last occasion on which he would

be addressing them at such a gathering. However, on the date coming round again, his memory would be with them, and he would always recollect this night, with Mr. Templeton presiding, and Mr. Shevan, the "Grand Old Man of the Scottish community," coming forth from his retirement to propose the Immortal Memory. (Applause.)

A very pleasant gathering broke up, after midnight, the occasion being one which will without doubt live long in the memories of all who were present.

K.B.S.F.P.A.'S YEAR.

SPORTING ACTIVITIES UNDER REVIEW.

The report of the Kowloon British School Former Pupils' Association, to be presented to the members at the annual general meeting, which will be held in the Central British School, Kowloon, at 6 p.m. to-day, states:

The report which the committee now presents covers an unusually long period—1st April, 1926 to 31st December, 1927—due to a decision taken early last year that the financial period should end on the 31st August, and to the absence from the Colony of the chairman, Mr. G. F. Nightingale.

Under the circumstances it is also felt that it will suffice to give a review of events during 1927, particularly as there have been frequent changes in the constitution of the committee, and the secretaryship, owing to departure of members on leave.

A number of dances were held during the winter season and though not financially successful (a small loss was suffered as may be seen from the accounts), proved most enjoyable functions.

Sports Activities.

The Association's activities covered a wide field, including cricket, hockey, tennis and water polo. A few remarks on each of these follow:

A commencement at cricket was made last year under the aegis of Mr. C. T. Evans, to whose able efforts members owe a great deal.

Fixtures were arranged with the China Light and Power and Hongkong Electric Recreation Clubs, and matches were also played against the present pupils of the School. From these various encounters much enjoyment was derived.

Opportunity is taken of expressing thanks to the Kowloon Cricket Club for the loan of equipment.

Largely owing to the activity of Miss Woolley and Mr. Rasmussen, hockey games were arranged with local clubs, and keen interest was awakened in this pastime.

A tennis team was entered in the "C" division of the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association, and was unfortunate in the number of reverses it sustained. Much hard work was done here by Mr. Raiton.

The courts of the Association at King's Park were kept in good condition and were always available.

In water polo, as in former years, chief interest centred. Two teams were entered in the league, the senior of these ending the season once again as runners-up to the V.R.C., who proved far too good for us.

Prior to the commencement of the league a number of matches were played with naval and army teams. Our thanks are due particularly to the former for the use of the Naval Camber, and to both for the practice afforded.

Pavilion Project.

Proposals for the erection of a pavilion and means were carefully discussed. A plan was drawn up and submitted for approval to the Government, and estimates of cost obtained. Permission to build a matshed was granted, but on account of lack of funds the scheme had to be abandoned.

We are very grateful to Messrs. Wood, Ralphs and Wylie for their assistance and advice.

Attention is directed to the duly audited statement which is submitted by the hon. treasurer.

In conclusion the committee regrets to record that little or no interest is displayed in the welfare of the Association. Every effort has been made on behalf of the members, and it is largely due to non-support that these efforts have been brought to naught. Such a state of affairs is deplorable, and a ruling is desired on the future of the Association.

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CHAPTER XXV.

It was a long time before the men came back, long enough to keep Beata and her mother in painful suspense as to what had happened.

"There has been a bad accident," said the doctor, seriously. "I want you two ladies out of the way. Captain Napier will drive you over to the Blue Boat in Warley while I and my chauffeur remain here. Can you be ready in ten minutes? Just take what you want for the time being."

"We can be ready," Mrs. de Burgh said.

"We can leave you some food. But the accident?"

"It is your man-servant. Don't ask me any more questions. The wind is going down. I thought it could not stand against the torrential rain. Wrap yourselves up warmly. The car is rather wet, I'm afraid. Bring any rugs you have."

Mrs. de Burgh had the invaluable quality, as the doctor said later, of asking no questions. They were ready within ten minutes, each hooded and fur-cloaked, with rugs and suit-cases.

As they went down the avenue, passing between the temple in which lay the stone coffin of Thekla Pampilin, four years old, and the windmill, Anthony Napier bent towards Beata, who was sitting beside him, intercepting her view of the windmill.

"You are not coming back to the Moated Grange any more," he said. "To-night you can sleep at the Blue Boat at Warley, a very comfortable hostelry; to-morrow Rosamond Jekyll will fetch you over to Posterns. She would have come for you this afternoon, only the wind was too high for their big car. There is nothing like a Ford for such weather."

She had bent her head to the wind, which was still high enough to prevent much talking. The rain had eased off. The drenched country after the frost smelt deliciously; the air was quite warm, although dingly wet. A strand of her hair had got loose without her knowing it, and lay, a wet sweetness, across his cheek and about his neck.

"You are glad to have left that place behind, my dear," he said, turning to look at her where her face glimmered in the darkness close to his own.

It was the first time he had used a caressing word, and he had contrived to put a great deal into that simple "my dear."

"I am very glad," she said. "I have been desperately frightened."

The car was running smoothly now down a long straight road.

"Frightened! my dear!" he said, with the same tender intonation. "What frightened you? I should have been there. I shall see to it that you are never frightened any more."

She had a feeling as though he drew her close to him with warm protection, although he had not moved.

She began to tell him her incredible story. Mrs. de Burgh in the back of the car, her head wrapped in a motor veil, her head in at her feet, caught a word now and again blown back to her.

"I have written to Sir Hilary Egerton," Captain Napier said, and told him to come home. You cannot imagine what a different place the Moated Grange was before the terrible accident to poor Lady Egerton. He will be horrified to know what has befallen the place, which he loves dearly. I should not think he ever authorised those servants of his to let the house. They counted on his continued absence."

"Oh!" said Beata, "and why then did the servants let the house?"

"I would not think about that, my dear," the young man said, tenderly. "You must forget what you have suffered there, and perhaps return in happier times to realise that the house was not to blame."

She whispered to him something her mother did not hear, which was followed by an ejaculation of horror from the listener.

So Beata had not told her all. There was yet more to be told. As she lay back, wrapped up in her furs, the thought persisted of the pleasantness of the Moated Grange if it was only free of all the glooms that had gathered about it.

The six miles to Warley were splashed through quickly and without mishap. The Blue Boat, which seemed pretty full of people, an old-fashioned comfortable house, seemed a very haven after the eeriness of the Moated Grange.

The hostess, rosy and plump, had given them a warm welcome, and had not even tabooed the presence of Dany in their bedroom.

Beata was going to be nervy, to jump in her sleep and cry-out for

some considerable time to come, but nothing could have been better for her than the change next day to the happy and bustling life of Posterns.

Mrs. Jekyll, vivacious and brilliant, the centre of a social circle in which she was adored, was a tower of strength in the trying days that came after.

The Moated Grange was a sensation in all the newspapers. The subject was taboo at Posterns, but in London, to which the Jekylls had removed, taking their guests with them, it was impossible to escape from the posters and the cries of the boys selling the evening newspapers.

Grotesque Find at a Lonely

Suffolk House.

A Dead Body Comes to Light.

Buried in the Moat.

Awful Death of a Man Servant.

Battered to Death by a Windmill.

A Woman Dead from Exposure.

These alluring headlines in leading type were delighting Londoners with a fine taste in horrors.

Mrs. de Burgh had had to give evidence at the inquest, but that was something that Beata was spared. She was not told for some considerable time the dreadful things that had happened at the Moated Grange.

Crouch had apparently made a hiding-place of the upper chamber of the windmill, which, on examination, proved to be full of valuable property of one kind or another, including a whole cellar of drinks. He had apparently entered and left his hiding-place by a light ladder, the same which he had used to enter her Ladyship's Wing on the night when Beata had been nearly frightened out of her wits. They could only conjecture what had happened. Crouch had been drinking and had tried to leave the windmill in the ordinary way, ignorant that the wind had blown down the ladder. Swinging by his two hands from the window sill he had been caught by the revolving sails of the mill and had been terribly battered before the sails let him go as a dead rat is dropped by a terrier that has shaken the life out of it.

There was a little life still in the bruised and battered body when he was found, soaked in blood and sodden by the heavy downpour of rain.

Long afterwards she was to learn how the attention of the doctor and Captain Napier had been attracted as they came near the windmill by two small green lights shining in the darkness.

When they turned their lamps on the broken body lying at the foot of the windmill, the sails of which had ceased to revolve, a cat which had been sitting on the man's chest spat at them and fled into the darkness.

Mrs. Crouch had been found, a sear, being made for her, in a field midway between Warley and the Moated Grange. She had apparently slipped on the half-melted ice and had broken a leg. She was not discovered for many hours, and by that time she was in a very bad way.

She had been taken to the cottage hospital at Laleham Ferrars, where Beata and Mrs. de Burgh, when they were permitted, saw her in a white bed in a ward firelit and sweet with flowers. There was a very tender-faced Sister standing by the bed, who looked down at Mrs. Crouch as though she were something beautiful.

"She is such a good patient," she said. "If we could only rid her mind of the idea that she is suffering for her sins we might get on better."

Mrs. Crouch opened her weary eyes and looked love at her visitors. "You should never have come to that place, my dear," she said, addressing Mrs. de Burgh, "nor brought her there. Not that there was anything wrong with the house, only the sins of them that was in it."

She reached out a coarsened and roughened hand and touched Beata's.

"I'd like to know about Crouch," she said. "I've got it in my mind he's dead. He never thought much on me, but I wouldn't like to leave him to maybe a worse woman than me, havin' it between us that Nellie was ours."

Mrs. de Burgh turned an imploring gaze on the Sister, who nodded. Her lips formed the words, "Tell her."

"He is at rest," she said. "You are to think of him as at rest, and leave him to the Infinite Mercy of God."

In her own mind she prayed that Crouch might have been less guilty than he seemed. Had he not said in his drunken talk that he had never meant to kill the old man? As for his intentions regarding them—well, they must remain for ever a mystery. At least, they had

THE NEW ORDER AT HANKOW.

AGITATORS RECEIVE RUDE AWAKENING.

An excellent indication of the change of policy and how the Chinese authorities in Hankow are out to curb the terrorist tactics of agitators who have been making a good thing out of Communist practices was indicated in a battle which took place between two sets of coolies in Messrs. Mackenzie & Co.'s press packing works in the ex-British Concession on the 11th instant.

It appears that most likely through not being able to get work some forty outside coolies made a bid to carry some of the bales. In this they were stopped by a head coolie named Wong Yue-in who was out to keep the business a close one for his special set.

His explanation was that as the new comers were not members of the Loong Mao Employees' Unions they would not be allowed to work. To this the new crowd replied that there was now no use to belong to any Union and without further ado Wang called his satellites together and proceeded in the good old way to beat up the strangers.

The battle soon became a merry affair, but the policeman on duty at the end of Whachong Road was not long in putting a damper on the proceeding by reporting to the S.A.D. No 3 police station and having out a squad of his comrades.

On the arrival of these preservers of the peace Wang made a hasty retreat and his followers also losing their enthusiasm followed suit. The police found that the most urgent duty was to gather up some six casualties among the coolies and send them to the hospital. Meanwhile sixteen of Wang's companions have been gathered in by the arm of the law and he is being much sought after.

MYSTERY OF LIEUT. KNOWLES.

LITTLE HOPE THAT HE IS ALIVE.

Peking, Jan. 20.

There have been several Chinese reports in the past few days that the dead body of Lieutenant Knowles, of the British Legation Guard, was seen lying by the roadside in the Western Hills, in October, shortly after he had left the Trappist Monastery at which he stopped for a time while he was on leave.

The Legation declare that his death cannot yet be considered officially confirmed. They are investigating the reports of muleteers and others, and probably will issue a pronouncement on the subject shortly.

It has been felt for a long time that there is little hope that Lieutenant Knowles is alive—in fact, since General Yen Hsi-shan declared that he had no knowledge of him and that he was not a prisoner with the Shanghai armies—but the details of his death, like that of the correspondent of *The Times*, Mr. Basil Riley, may never definitely be cleared up.—*Reuter*.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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been nearly four months in the loneliness of the Moated Grange without anything ill befalling them. Mrs. Crouch's face had lit up as Mrs. de Burgh spoke.

"Maybe Nellie being so white the Lord would let Crouch and me to where she is one day, and not cast us into everlasting darkness."

They never saw her again. She had asked no questions as to the manner of Crouch's death, which, as the Sister said, was a mercy, since there would have been nothing for it but to lie to her hardly and boldly.

"I'm a truthful woman," she said, "but I've lied before now in a good cause; and I'd be prepared to swear black was white if it would give ease to my patients."

The whole gruesome tale was only told to Beata after many days, and then in her lover's arms. (To be continued.)

SOME SHANGHAI TOPICS.

(Continued from Page 7.)

End of the Murder Case.

The community is not a little relieved over the outcome of the trial of Acting Lance Corporal Hector Macdonald Robertson, of the Scots Guards, who was acquitted by a jury of his peers, without even the formality of leaving the jury box, of the charge of shooting and killing a Chinese houseboy in the China United Assurance Society's Apartment Building.

It was known, of course, all along that certain subversive elements, always on the look-out for opportunities of introducing points of friction between the foreign and Chinese communities, were on the alert to use the shooting incident as ammunition in their plan of campaign, for whilst responsible Chinese bodies have by now fully appreciated how much the presence of the Shanghai Defence Force has meant to them in these difficult times, the mischief-makers have left no stone unturned and have gone out of their way in their eager attempt to discredit the defenders of the Settlement in the eyes of the Chinese.

The Robertson case has furnished an effective illustration of circumstantial evidence. Here was a man who was in the same room as a Chinese houseboy when the latter met his death from a gunshot wound, and all the surrounding circumstances would seemingly point to the former having taken the life of the dead man. But a British jury does not convict on suspicion, especially in a murder case, and a reasonable account having been given by the accused of his role in the incident, the jury acquitted him, a verdict in which the presiding judge entirely concurred.

The preconceived notions entertained by some Chinese as to the guilt of Robertson were well exemplified in the Police Court proceedings, when one of the Chinese witnesses referred to the accused as 'the man who had killed the houseboy.'

Condemned Men Who Come Back To Life.

Several cases have occurred in which armed desperadoes who have been sentenced to death by the Provisional Court, handed over to the Chinese authorities and ostensibly executed by the latter, have subsequently returned to the Settlement to ply their nefarious trade of dealing death and destruction to law-abiding citizens.

This is one of the reasons for the prevalence of outlawry on a scale that has no parallel in the annals of the Settlement. The return of these dangerous characters is tantamount to letting loose on a community a howling pack of wolves who will not fail to devour their prey if they run true to type.

The reason for the mysterious return of these criminals like apparitions from the spirit world is that the Chinese-controlled territory contiguous to the foreign Settlement is subject to such frequent changes of authority that in the interregnum between one dispensation and another, yamen underlings, for certain monetary considerations, calmly proceed to release the condemned criminals and give as the official excuse that the outlaws in such cases contrive to effect their escape in the confusion of civil strife.

The Settlement police are now more insistent on due facilities being accorded them by the Chinese authorities to supervise the execution of the death sentence so that they will feel assured that condemned criminals will not again be let loose to prey on their victims.

Some are in favour of discontinuing the chopping off of heads and introducing the 'cat o' nine tails,' the bamboo and the birch rod for varying degrees of offences as being more potent in instilling terror in criminals than the prospect of death itself.

Tram Terrors.

The death of Nils Bojesen, a 12-year-old Scandinavian boy, who was fatally injured in a tramway tragedy enacted within a stone's throw of Traction House, the head office of the Tramway Company, throws into sharp relief the need for reform of traffic regulations in the narrow streets of the Settlement in which the diversity of vehicles makes Shanghai traffic the most complex and at the same time the most dangerous in the world.

The boy in this case was on his way to the Shanghai Public School and was trying to board a crowded car when his coat is said to have caught in the iron gate and he was dragged a considerable distance. Due to the crowd on the platform of the tram, it appears that neither the conductor nor the driver noticed the mishap and the car grated along dragging the shrieking boy for some distance before it finally pulled up, the lad

TREATY REVISION QUESTION.

PEKING CO-OPERATE WITH THE SOUTH.

Peking, Jan. 20.

In an interview with a representative of the Toho News Agency to-day, Mr. Wong Yin-tai, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, said:

"The movement for the unification of diplomacy in North and South gradually is being realized. For instance, the Peking and Nationalist Governments acted in concert in abrogating the Sino-Spanish Treaty. With the date of enforcing the statutory tariff in sight, and the date of revising the treaties with Britain and America also approaching, we keenly realize the necessity for co-operation between North and South. It is a fact that the Northern and Southern Governments are on their way to co-operation."

"As regards the treaties with Portugal and Italy, which expire this year, I cannot tell whether they will be abrogated or not until after we ascertain the intention of those countries regarding the revision of the treaties. At any rate, the Chinese nation strongly advocates the revision of any unequal treaties."

"It is true that there will be a partial change in the personnel of the Cabinet after the China New Year holidays. As for me, I intend to resign. Mr. Yen To-pu, the Finance Minister, may be replaced."

STORM HAVOC.

MORE FLOODS AT HOME.

London, Jan. 25.

The country has been swept by fierce gales, accompanied by thunderstorms, heavy rain, hail, sleet and snow, culminating in a succession of violent squalls.

A man was blown over and killed at Kingston; and another was killed at Leeds when a wall under which he was sheltering was blown down.

A number of motor-cars and lorries were blown over in the roads around London.

A ballast train had a narrow escape near Haerlech, when a landslide of hundreds of tons of rock and earth crashed on the line.

The Thames is again full, the flood running bank-high for several miles in the lower reaches. Vast areas are inundated in Cheshire, and the bodies of cattle and sheep are floating on the Mersey.

Many other districts all over the country are flooded.—*Reuter*.

dying shortly afterwards in hospital.

The Bus Company recently were ordered by H.M. Supreme Court to pay substantial damages for injuries sustained by a Russian beauty parlour employee in connexion with a similar incident, and since then the conductors and drivers of buses have been noticeably cautious in the operation of the cars, as, for instance, when the conductor gets out of the bus at a stopping place and is the last to enter the car after seeing all passengers safely in.

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SCOUT MUSTER.

THE GOVERNOR PRESENTS PRIZE BANNER.

Over 130 Scouts and Cubs mustered in the grounds of Government House yesterday afternoon, when His Excellency the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, as Chief Scout, presented the Prince of Wales Banner to the Troop of Sea Scouts, who are the winners in the last competition amongst the different units for this trophy.

There were present the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., His Lordship Bishop Duppuy, Mr. R.E. Lindsell, Mr. E. Ralphs, and a number of spectators.

Following an inspection of the Scouts, who were drawn up in a semi-circle, His Excellency the Chief Scout said:

Boy Scouts, I am glad to have this opportunity of inspecting you, and I congratulate the First Hongkong Sea Scouts on winning the Prince of Wales' banner. The motto of the Prince of Wales is "Ich dien," which means "I serve"; and you who have won his banner must show yourselves worthy to carry it by loyal and faithful service in that world-wide brotherhood of youth which is the Boy Scouts Association.

During last year there came under my notice some actions by Scoutmasters and Scouts which were not creditable to the Association. I am glad to say that anything of this kind is very unusual; but I wish to address to you, one and all, a word of warning. It is the responsible aim of every boy and man to "get on"—as the saying is—in life. But remember that a cynic has infected the phrase "get on" through the usual degrees of comparison with this curious linguistic result—"get on," "get honour," "get honest." And I desire you to bear in mind that, unless your lives exemplify the superlative degree in that table of comparison, it will avail you little to "get on" or even to "get honour." This precept may stick in your memory more easily, if I put it into the form of a rhyme, thus:—"If you want to get on and get honour, get honest! The superlative first, or the rest of it non est."

But the matter is put best of all in the Scouts' Law which says: "A Scout's honour is to be trusted." This law is fundamental and you must each of you obey it most scrupulously.

I wish you every happiness and success in the New Year.

Other Speeches.
The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall thanked His Excellency for the kindly interest he took in the Boy Scouts Association, and in referring to the wholesome advice which His Excellency had given in regard to certain discreditable acts on the part of one or two Scoutmasters, said he was glad that such cases were few. He hoped that the advice would be taken to heart, and that they would all so conduct themselves as to bring credit to themselves and to the movement.

The Rev. Mr. G. T. Waldegrave, the local Scout Commissioner, said the rather small muster was due to a variety of reasons. In the first place, one troop was unable to turn up because its Scoutmaster

was getting married that day, and at the moment was holding his wedding reception. Two troops from the New Territories were unable to come without making great preparations, while the Chinese New Year festival had also kept many others from attending. Otherwise their full muster would have been 450. Concluding, Mr. Waldegrave said they were glad to hear that Lady Clementi had made a good recovery, and he exhorted the boys to make their three cheers the heartier on that account.

Three lusty cheers were given for His Excellency, after which the Scouts dispersed.

The rally was under the command of Mr. A. White, Secretary of the Boy Scouts Association in Hongkong.

Scoutmaster E. R. Dovey and Assistant Scoutmaster R. Wong of the 2nd St. Andrew's Troop, and Scoutmaster D. W. Luke, of the 15th Taikoo Chinese Scouts, took the Scout's Oath on receiving these appointments.

In his report on the last competitions, Mr. A. White said: "When His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales visited Hongkong, the second-chair he used was specially upholstered, and after his departure, and with his permission, Sir Reginald Stubbs presented the two silken panels from the sides of the chair made into Banners, to the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides in this Colony, who gratefully received them and have ever since used them as Challenge Banners for annual competition in Scout and Guide efficiency."

The Scout troop, winning it, has, for the year of tenure, the right to be called "The Governor's Troop." Points are given for efficiency, as proved in two rallies at which inter-troop contests are held, founded on the Tenderfoot, 2nd Class, 1st Class and King's Scout Badges, and also by returns from each competing troop showing the year's work in respect of those Badges. The maximum obtainable is 200 points.

We should like to take this opportunity of thanking His Excellency, the Governor for his continued interest in the movement, and His Excellency the General Officer Commanding and Mrs. Luard for their great kindness in allowing the Scouts to use the grounds of Headquarters House for the two annual rallies.

The result of the Competition for 1927 is as follows, the Troops being in order of merit:

Troop.	Points.
1st H. K. Sea Scouts	499
7th H. K. Troop, King's College	132
20th H. K. Troop, 1st Central	124
6th H. K. Troop, Ellis Kadoorie School	119
10th H. K. Troop, St. Paul's College	110
8th H. K. Troop, 1st S.C.A.	104
12th H. K. Troop, Queen's College	93
15th H. K. Troop, Taikoo Chinese	72
1st H. K. Troop, St. Joseph's College, 5th H. K. Troop, Roving Fifth	61
19th H. K. Troop, 1st Yau-nai, 9th H. K. Troop, Taikoo Scottish, 13th H. K. Ying Wa College	50

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LOCAL WEDDING.

YESTERDAY'S CEREMONY AT THE CATHEDRAL.

St. John's Cathedral was the scene of a very pretty wedding yesterday afternoon, when Miss Dorothy Sarah Lander, daughter of Bishop Lander of Lyonsdown Vicarage, New Barnet, Herts, was married to Mr. Evan George Stewart, a son of the late Rev. Robert Warren Stewart, W. T. Featherstone, who was formerly domestic chaplain to Bishop Lander, should be the officiating clergyman. He was assisted by the Rev. E. W. L. Martin of St. Stephen's College.

The bride, who entered the Cathedral on the arm of the Rev. A. D. Stewart, by whom she was given away, was charmingly attired in a gown of white georgette and lace, with a veil of Irish lace, and she carried a beautiful bouquet of white sweet peas and maidenhair fern. She was attended by Miss Kathleen Ann Hewitt as bridesmaid and by Master Hugh Featherstone, and Master James Stewart as pages, the bridesmaid being prettily dressed in white net with a Dutch bonnet.

The Rev. H. V. Halvard attended the bridegroom as "best man." Mr. Frederick Mason, A.R.C.O., I.C.T.L., the Cathedral organist, played appropriate music both when the bride was entering the Cathedral and during the ceremony.

At the conclusion of the service, the guests repaired to St. Paul's College Hostel, where the reception was held. Later Mr. and Mrs. Stewart left for their honeymoon, which is being spent at Taiipo and at the Repulse Bay Hotel.

THE LIWEASHING QUESTION.

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Motion Not Seconded.

Mr. Wong Kwong-tin moved that in view of the numerous complaints which have been made, the board of the Sanitary Department be requested to discard the spraying method of lime-washing and adopt the brush method.

There was no seconder for the motion and it fell to the ground. The Chairman said that was the first time he had heard that application for the spray was uneven. He had been led to believe that it was much more, even than the brush method. With the latter there was bound to be streaks. When there was soot or anything like that on the wall the brush picked it up and spread it, whereas with the spray it was covered. He held no brief for the spraying method and was absolutely new to it, but if the Board thought the work could be done better with the brush he would endeavour to carry it out.

Dr. Tso instanced similar work carried out in America by the spray successfully. In Hongkong Chinese labour had to be relied on. New methods were not quite understood and some of the work was done in a perfunctory manner.

Chicago, Jan. 25.

The Federal Reserve Bank has raised its rediscount rate from 3½ to 4 per cent.—*Reuter's American Service.*

OBITUARY.

MRS. H. F. OSMUND'S DEATH YESTERDAY.

We regret to report the death of Mrs. Harsilia Fonseca Osmund, a much-respected member of the Portuguese community, which occurred yesterday at her residence, St. Joseph's Mansions, Robinson Road.

Mrs. Osmund, who was fifty years of age, was the widow of the late Mr. J. D. Osmund, and leaves three sons, to whom much sympathy will be extended. One of her sons is the well-known billiards champion of the Colony. The funeral will take place today, passing the Monument at 5.15.

U.S. Steel Magnate.

Cleveland, Jan. 25.
The death has occurred of the millionaire-steel magnate and race horse owner, Mr. James Corrigan, who died suddenly while entering the Athletic Club.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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\$322,437.15

A WORLD TOUR.

DR. C. C. WU AND SUN FO'S MISSION.

London, Jan. 25.
A party of fifteen Chinese, headed by Dr. Wu Chao-chu and Mr. Sun Fo, on December 30 sailed by the President Wilson on a Cook's tour round the world for the purpose unofficially to mediate on the revision of the so-called unequal treaties and to open negotiations on treaties with countries that at present have no relations with China. The delegation is booked to Colombo and is planning a month's tour of India and possibly visiting Afghanistan, Iraq and Persia, and thence to Turkey and Europe, after which they will go to America.—*Reuter.*

SAMOAN SITUATION.

N. Z. OPPOSITION LEADER'S STATEMENT.

Wellington, Jan. 25.
Prompt action by the League of Nations to preserve the historic rights of the Samoans is advocated by Mr. Holland the leader of the Opposition in New Zealand, in reply to Mr. Coates' statement. He declares that the recall of Major-General Richardson, the Administrator of Samoa, is an immediate necessity.—*Reuter.*

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Washington, Jan. 25.

The House of Representatives has voted an increase in the annual Shipping Board appropriations, from \$12,000,000 to \$13,400,000, in order to finance the reconditioning of ten vessels for use in the export coal trade.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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*KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles, L'don & A'werp
MONGOLIA	16,504	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,953	28th Apr.	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	12th May	Marseilles & London
MALWA	10,986	26th May	Marseilles & London
DEVANHA	8,155	9th June	Marseilles & London
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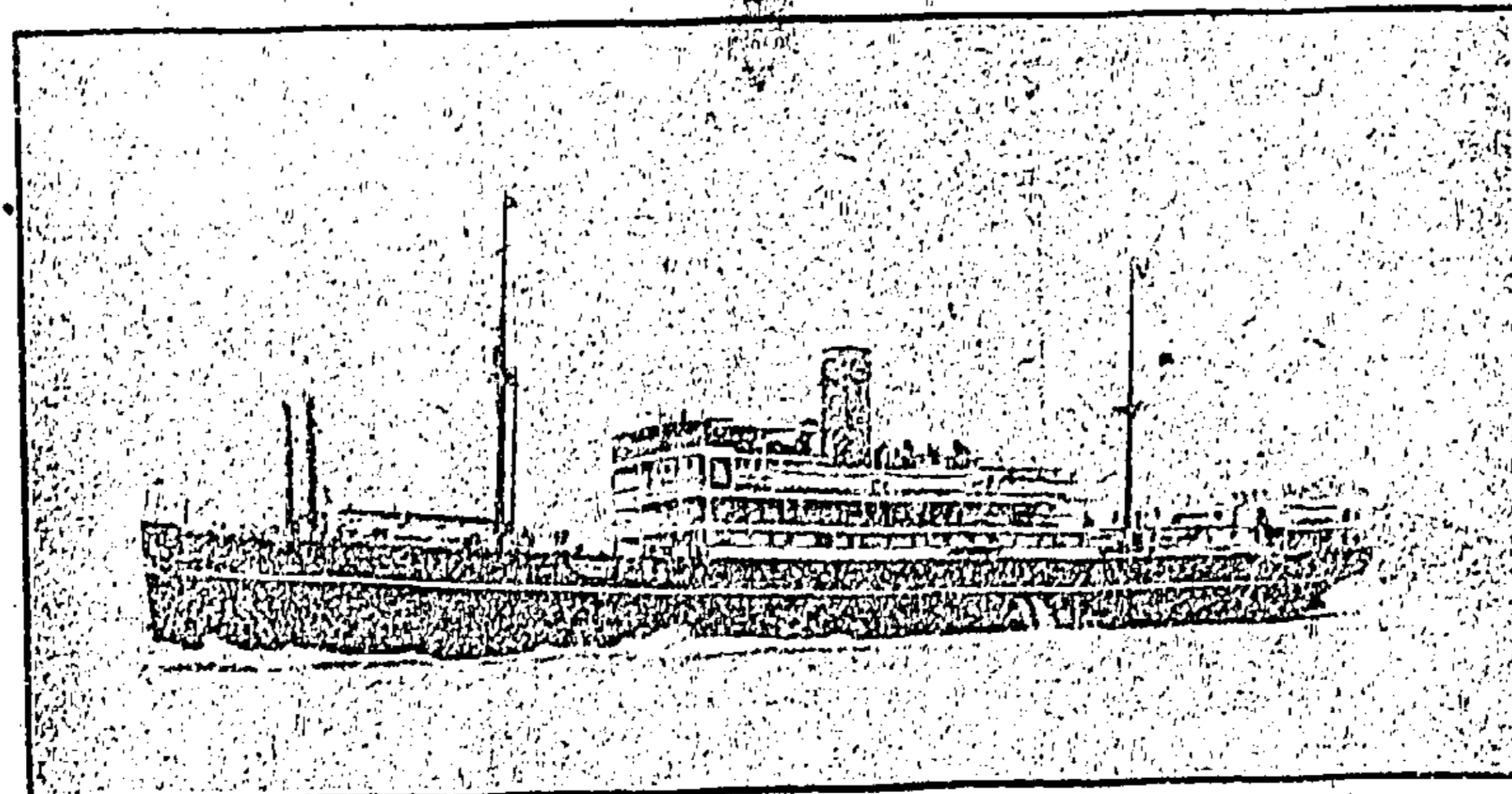
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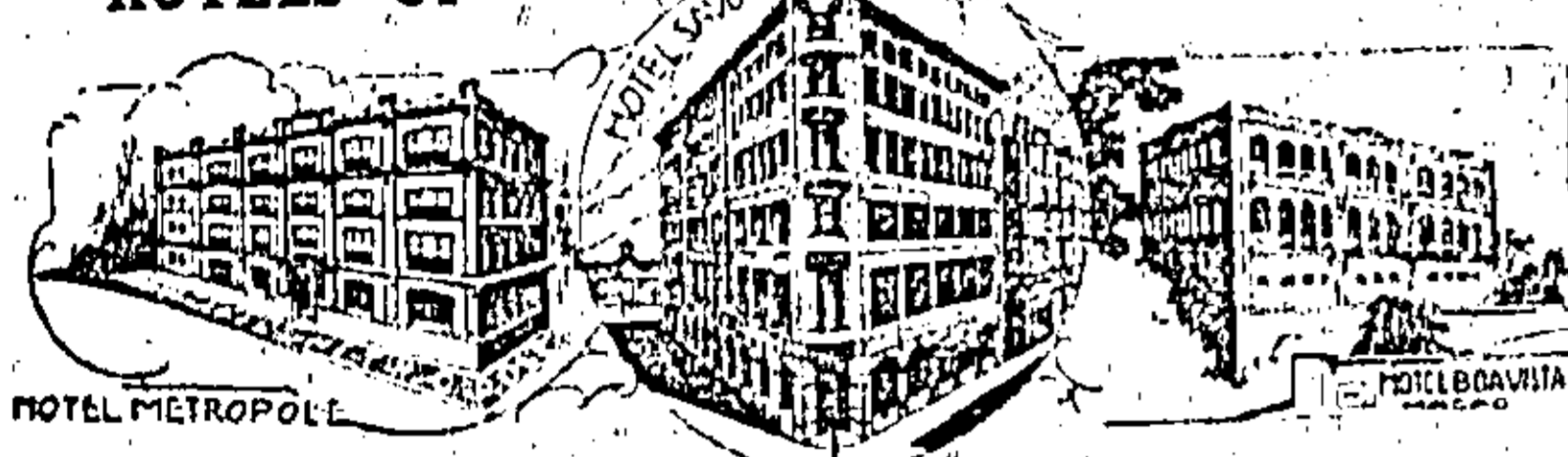
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Berlin, Dec. 22.

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The preliminary tests have so far advanced that plant is being installed with a 30-ton capacity which is expected to begin operations next June. The object of this plant will be to submit to thorough examination the economic possibilities of the Hoersch process, which it is anticipated will reduce the cost of steel production by 30 per cent.

The general principle of the process consists in putting in ore and fuel in a bath inside a converter and mixing oxygen with the current of air. In this way the

COUNTESS DE JANZE.

FINED 16/- FOR SHOOTING MR. DE TRAFFORD.

Paris, Dec. 23.

The former Countess de Janze, now Alice Silverthorne, was sentenced this afternoon by the Twelfth Correctional Court to a fine of 100 francs (approximately 16s.) and was bound over for six months.
On March 27 the Countess de Janze, who has since been divorced, shot Mr. Raymond de Trafford in a compartment of the Paris-Boulogne express and then tried to end her own life. She was not tried for attempted homicide, which would have necessitated a trial at the Assizes, but for assault. For the defence it was argued that Countess de Janze was not in a normal state at the time of the shooting.

metal can be produced with any desired content of carbon, according as it leaves the converter in the form of steel, or is used as a solution for the furnace.

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THE DUCHESS OF YORK INSPECTS HER REGIMENT.



The Duchess of York, who was gazetted Colonel-in-Chief of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry last August, paid her first official visit to the Regiment recently when she carried out an inspection of the 1st Battalion, at Blackdown Camp. Photo shows H.R.H. passing down the lines of the Battalion.

CANTON OFFICIAL DISCHARGED.

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tive all the documents in the case and allow the question of the documents to stand over until the evidence had been taken.

Eleven Charges.

Counsel's opening of the case was necessarily slowed down by the production of a mass of documents which had to be sorted out, labelled and their respective copies handed both to the Bench and Counsel for the defence. In consequence, Mr. Sheldon's address was uncompleted when the Court adjourned for the tiffin interval.

At the outset, Mr. Sheldon alluded to recent political happenings and the movements of certain monies between the Central Bank of Canton and certain foreign Banks in Shamen, to show that between the three days of December 26-29, a large sum, amounting to over a million dollars, was diverted from the vaults of the Central Bank, of which Wong Chung-chu was the Custodian, for purposes which were now indicated to be larceny and embezzlement on eleven counts.

The charges related to funds of the Central Bank which was the Treasury of the Government of Kwangtung Province—a Government which was known and which had acted as the Branch Political Council of Kwangtung.

In tracing the history of the Central Bank of China, Counsel said that it was founded in 1924 by the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen to serve as the Treasury for the Province of Kwangtung. Its first Governor was Mr. T. V. Soong, who later left Canton. In November of last year, when General Li Chai-sum also left Canton, Chau Min-cho was appointed Head of the Finance Department of the Province, and from this passed on to the Governorship of the Central Bank, being nominated to that position by a faction headed by Chang Fat-kwai, Wong Kee-cheung and Chan Kung-pok and calling themselves the "Ironside."

Chau Min-cho later resigned from the post and it was then that the fugitive Wong Chung-chu came into office as Head of the Central Bank. He had not been long in this office when the regime of the "Ironside" came to an end on December 28.

Transfer to Shamen.

Before this, and before their departure from Canton for Hongkong, the fugitive Wong Chung-chu had made arrangements with the other fugitive who was now discharged, to remit certain monies to Shamen. Of these, \$630,000 in coins were paid out of the Bank's Reserves and taken, under the fugitive's directions, to certain foreign Banks in Shamen.

Further, on December 27, Chan Kung-ye, officer in charge of the Deposits, Loans and Remittances Department of the Central Bank, received instructions to buy \$200,000 Hongkong currency for the purpose of making a remittance to General Chiang Kai-shek. Efforts made in this direction were only partially successful, and after a day's activities, Mr. Chan reported to his Chief that it would take several days to get the full amount. Remarkable that that would be too late, the fugitive directed that a sum of \$700,000 be taken from the Central Bank's reserves with which to buy the required draft and an order to the Cashier was chopped by the fugitive accordingly.

The Allegation.

On the same date, a second order emanated from the fugitive that a sum of \$171,000 be turned over for the purpose of giving a bonus to the Bank staff. This was

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—

1. St. George's, Bloomsbury. The statue is that of George I. in a Roman toga. 2. That of the Guelphs, who long extended the Roman Empire. 3. Buckram, a coarse, glazed linen or hemp fabric; formerly about cloth made of cotton and flax, now a coarse twill, linen or cotton fabric. 4. \$30,000,000. 5. Horse-chestnuts threaded on a string. 6. Fetter, a man who cleans up castles; hence, operator in charge of the insulation of armatures; scurfer, man who cleans the underframes of cars. 7. Ancient ruins had raised "castles" for and are named by men in armour. The "Tore" castle still survives. 8. The cat. 9. That of St. John's, Southwark, Westminster, whose four towers resemble massive table legs. 10. Alexander Pope. 11. Until 1933. 12. 463,000,000.

followed by yet another order that the salaries of the staff for the month of January of this year be paid in advance.

It is alleged that the bonus was never paid out, and also that one greater portion of the monies which were to have been paid out as advances on salaries was withheld.

Mr. Potter:—Can we be told what charge the order for payment of salaries falls under? Also we would like to be told where exactly is the salary, what is the salary, and the salary of what. All this is necessary.

Mr. Sheldon:—Nothing unfair will be done to your client if I can help it.

Mr. Potter:—Not by you. I would like my friend to understand that anything I may say in this Court is impersonal. It is directed against your client, the Canton Government.

Mr. Lindsell:—The Hongkong Government. Mr. Sheldon represents the Crown.

Mr. Potter:—So it has been ruled. But his late client is the Chinese Government.

Whose Client?

Mr. Sheldon went on to say that on the orders issued by the fugitive on December 28, \$830,000 in silver coins and \$30,800 in Hongkong notes were thus paid out by the Cashier. In addition, Mr. Shiu also turned over to the fugitive \$185,000 in response to the direction that these monies were required by the Internal Loan Bureau for the purpose of the adjustment of National Debts.

Efforts to Secure Loans.

Dealing with the remittances to Shamen, Counsel said efforts were made by the "fugitive" to obtain loans from the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and the National City Bank of New York on the security furnished by these subsidiary currency reserves of the Central Bank. For this purpose, 208 cases, containing over \$800,000, were moved into Shamen and left in the Comptroller Department of the American Bank while negotiations were opened for the loan. Both Banks named would not do anything without wiring to their respective officers in Hongkong for instructions. Eventually, the specie was removed to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, where Mr. Dunnett, the Manager, would, however, accept the custody of only 148 cases. Negotiations were opened with the Comptroller, Mr. Chan Lim-chung, the fugitive offering to buy \$500,000 Hongkong currency and to get off the balance of \$200,000 against a loan made by the former comptroller, Chan Lim-pak, to the Canton Government in a transaction known as the Tannery Loan. There was a request that the 60 cases not accepted by Mr. Dunnett should also be disposed off by the Comptroller and the corresponding \$180,000 be sent to the Bank of East Asia in Hongkong.

At this stage, the case was adjourned until this afternoon.

OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

APPETITE WITHOUT BEING HUNGRY.

AN INTERESTING STUDY.

Many a person who is not hungry may still have a good appetite. The appetite sensation is a pleasant desire for food in contrast to the painful aspects of the hunger sensation.

People's appetites vary according to their race and education. Savages eat ants and puppy dogs with relish. Eskimos lick their chops over blubber. Mexicans enjoy hot spices. Scandinavians like raw fish, and Americans seem to prefer pie, ham and eggs and pork and beans.

Many people like their tomatoes with sugar, and others use vinegar, salt and pepper. It makes little difference which the average man uses so far as his digestion is concerned. The proverb that there is no accounting for tastes goes many hundreds of years back into civilization.

Children's Appetites.

In his consideration of the appetites of children, Dr. Charles A. Aldrich points out that the laboratory experimenters have done little to account for the variations that occur. Maybe some chemical change in the blood, some pleasant emotion, such as the sight, taste or smell of palatable food usually brings on may be responsible.

Appetite can be spoiled by the sight, taste or smell of things that are unpleasant. Illness frequently destroys appetite and it is necessary to stimulate it by resort to foods prepared aesthetically and by studying carefully the desires of the invalid.

Just as soon as the person feels appetite the stomach begins to make preparations for the receipt of food. The mouth waters and the saliva that helps to digest starches begins to flow. The juices of the stomach are secreted, including the pepsin and the hydrochloric acid that digest the proteins. Obviously it is important to have appetite as an aid to digestion.

Bad Appetites.

Dr. Aldrich recognizes two types of children with bad appetites. First are underweight children who have not eaten enough to maintain proper nutrition. Such children show symptoms of hunger such as irritability and fatigue before meal times. They are likely to eat a few mouthfuls or gulp down a glass of milk to stop the hunger pains and then eat no more. The second type of children are those with poor appetites who have been urged or spanked into eating enough food to keep up their nutrition but who seldom feel the desire associated with hunger pains.

Due to poor appetite digestion may be slow and the stomach seldom empty completely so that the hunger pains will not come on. The child who is constantly disturbed at meals may have only unpleasant emotions associated with the idea of eating and therefore never have appetite. The matter is all very complicated and at the same time, when thoroughly reasoned out, mechanically and mentally simple.

San Salvador, Dec. 23.—The discovery of a Mayan sarcophagus of solid gold in some mines in Guatemala is reported in despatches from Guatemala City. The casket, inlaid with copper, contains two mummies perfectly preserved.

New York, Dec. 23.—Mr. De Valera, who arrived here on Wednesday in the Leviathan, announces that he will endeavour to raise the sum of \$250,000 in the United States in order to establish a new Irish newspaper on Republican lines.

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Kiss! Kiss! Kiss!

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Ha-a-a-a-ah! Ha-a-a-a-ah!

YOU will have 'em!

LAUGHS—LAUGHS—LAUGHS.

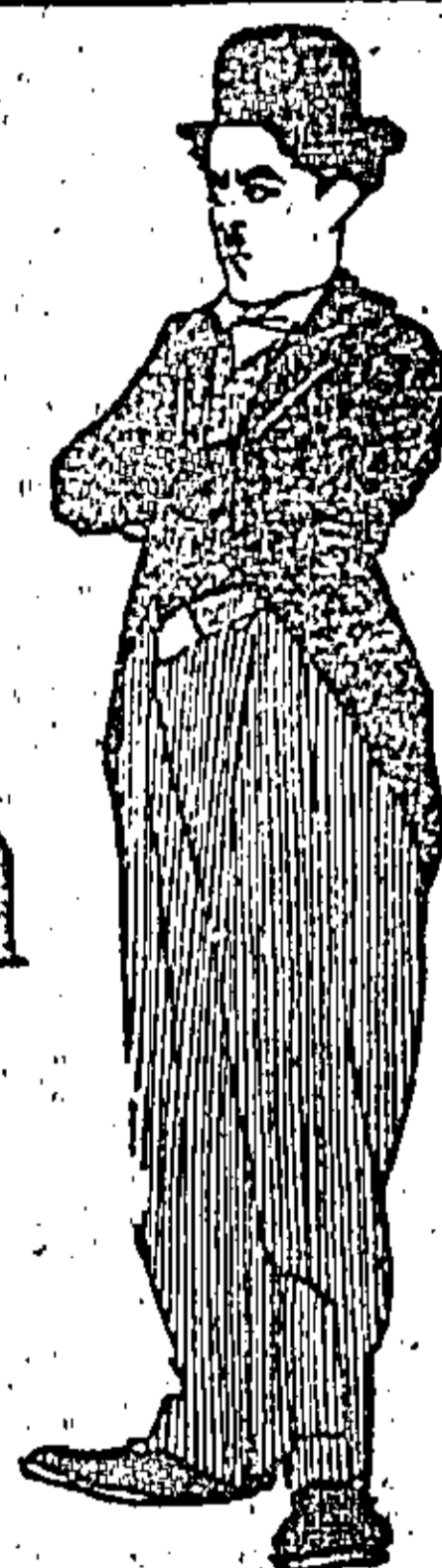
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